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MINUTES

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 23, 1939

Mrs. Ross Chappell
Second Vice-President, Presiding

A STIRRING organ prelude, Mr. Hugh P. Hill at the console, introduced the first meeting of the Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society. The invocation was offered by the Reverend Walter J. Stewart, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Grinnell.

Dr. John S. Nollen, President of Grinnell College, expressed his pleasure at the presence of the delegates on the college campus, both in behalf of this Christian community and the college. Mrs. Clifford Braley welcomed the Convention in behalf of Des Moines presbyterial. She expressed the gratification of her presbyterial in having such a group as is here assembled of one mind and one objective—a Christian solution for the evangelization of the world. The International Relations Institute, now in session on the college campus, sent greetings by Miriam Davidson Wilson. She emphasized the sympathetic relations with such an organization as the W.G.M.S. and believes that a common cause unites the two.

Mrs. J. D. Sands, president of the Women's Board of Directors replied to these greetings. She made special note of the work of the Christian college with timely reference to Grinnell College. She dwelt briefly upon the changes that have taken place since the Convention met in Des Moines thirty-three years ago, and brought into sharp contrast the world peace of that time and the turmoil of the present. There has been great advancement in science and great gains in the physical world. Our organization has made progress numerically and financially; our horizons have been broadened, and it rests with us now to accept responsibility to meet these changed times and new opportunities.

The devotional service of the hour was directed by the first vice-president, Mrs. Earl Miller, based on the familiar text: "We shall see the King in His glory." The speaker offered a series of pictures from the Song of Solomon in which was portrayed the constant solicitation of the Bridegroom, that faith, loyalty, love, and fellowship might be mutual between him and his beloved. These pictures symbolized the relationship that exists between our King and us, His "beloved." It is only when such love and fellowship obtain that we may be truly His own, and may reach others with the influence that has been entrusted to us.

Mrs. Miller then introduced the president, Mrs. William McElwee, Jr., who delivered the annual address. She centered her thought on the Convention theme, Victory through Faith.

She dealt vividly with world conditions today: "The rape of Ethiopia; the horrors of the undeclared war in China; the betrayal of Czechoslovakia; the denial of God in Russia; the defiance of God in Germany."

From Biblical sources the triumph of faith over great difficulties was evidenced. Joel, the Dreamer, has seen the destruction by the canker worm, the caterpillar and palmer worm, but by faith he said, "My people shall never be ashamed."

Works prove the presence of faith. The town of Grinnell, with its cultural facilities, are evidences of the faith of Mr. J. B. Grinnell, who was in no small degree responsible for them.

The Women's General Missionary Society is a product of faith on the part of the pioneers of the Organization. Their faith is amply justified in the vast army of those who have been reached with the Good News through tireless efforts for fifty-six years.

Our own United States has made no mean contribution to the Christian world. The early settlers built homes and churches at the same time. The covered wagon caravans carried the Bible and the missionary into the far West.

The Temperance Cause, so wisely interpreted by the faith of Frances E. Willard, has been furthered in every land where our missionaries have been sent. A similar exercise of faith has led to the extension of work among the colored people of the South, the American Indians, and the mountain people. The breadth of vision thus exercised has proved most rewarding, — accomplishments have been great in these home fields.

In our political world there seems to be an almost universal effort to fulfil the prophetic word that "Swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks," nor "Shall they learn war any more." Although vision may be obscured by battleships and bombing planes, and ears deafened by the roar of contending armies, senses dulled by poison gases, Faith says that there shall one day be "Peace on earth and good will among men." Today we need more men and women of prayer and faith at the council table of the nations who recognize Him who said "Blessed are the peacemakers."

We women of this Convention must accept the challenge of the times and bring our faith to bear upon the enemies and defiers of God. The insidious attacks upon the most sacred things we possess can only be overcome by that exercise of faith which will result in ultimate victory. "My people shall never be ashamed."

Reverend F. C. Patterson, missionary to the Tama Indians, in humorous vein, presented the President with an unusual gavel—a tomahawk, made by the Indians themselves. Used to illustrate a religious war now being waged by the Indians against sin, Mr. Patterson guarantees that this gavel will keep the Convention under control.

The following groups were introduced to the Convention by the presiding officer and respective departmental secretaries: The Women's Board of Directors, the Editor and

Treasurer of the Missionary Magazine, the Home and Foreign Missionaries. Several mothers of missionaries were also introduced. Mrs. W. J. Stewart, chairman of the Local Committee, presented her helpers.

The program of the evening was interspersed by splendid anthems by the Traer chorus of thirty voices, under the direction of Rev. C. G. McKnight.

The Convention song, "A Glorious Banner," from Psalms 60, was sung, after which Reverend Charles Rowe, minister of the Methodist church of Grinnell, pronounced the Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING
JUNE 24, 1939

The session opened with a beautiful woodwind quartette and the devotional service was directed by Miss Ruth Bryan. Her subject was "A Young Girl's Simple Faith." II Kings 5, 3. A responsive reading from Psalm 46 was followed by singing a section from the 119 Psalm. The leader read the story of the little captive maid whose faith in God was so simple that she was the means of restoring Naaman, generalissimo for the king of Syria from leprosy. The leader drew lessons from this story for our young people today. She believes that the opportunities for service are many and that our young people must accept them even as the little maid did in the days of Elisha. Silent prayer that the faith of our girlhood may be complete and serve its generation was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Voted: that the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with at this time.

The secretary was instructed to send the greetings of this Convention to the seven absent members of the Board.

On motion the roll call for the hour was dispensed with because it is incomplete.

Voted: that the program be adopted as printed.

The report of the Credential Committee was made and the Committee continued.

Convention committees were appointed as follows:

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Robert French, Kansas City, Chairman.
Mrs. Neil Stewart, Nebraska.
Mrs. Marion E. Ross, Boston.
Mrs. L. A. Smith, Cleveland.
Mrs. Madge Casler, Chicago.
Mrs. Lora Rock, Keokuk.

NOMINATION

Mrs. J. F. Pugh, San Francisco, Chairman.
Miss Dorothy Nelson, Concordia.
Mrs. J. A. Lester, Wheeling.
Mrs. John G. Boggs, Allegheny.
Mrs. Nellie Copeland, Puget Sound.
Miss Janice Lees, Wisconsin.

PLACE

Miss Ada St. Clair, Los Angeles, Chairman.
Mrs. Gorman Johnston, Beaver Valley.
Mrs. John Morrison, Kiskiminetas.
Miss Jeannette Lystra, Spokane.

TELLERS

Mrs. Annabell Sterrett, Steubenville, Chairman.
Mrs. W. T. Peck, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Alfred Moreland, Hudson.
Mrs. Ernest Keenan, Vermont.
Mrs. E. E. Beattie, Monmouth.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. J. D. Leadbeater, Butler, Chairman.
Mrs. George C. Keyes, Cedar Rapids.
Miss Margaret MacKinnon, Detroit.
Miss Bertha Wallace, Ohio First.
Mrs. Annette Cromwell, Philadelphia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Owen V. Davis, New York, Chairman.
Mrs. Fred S. Bull, Caledonia.
Miss Eileene Hemphill, Rock Island.
Miss Ethyl Schmucker, Conemaugh.
Mrs. Frank L. Chase, Uncompahgre.
Mrs. Ruth McElroy, Arkansas Valley.

MEMORIALS

Miss Margaret Upstill, Monongahela, Chairman.
Mrs. W. S. Nesbitt, Delaware.
Mrs. Alex Young, Albany.
Miss Mabel Stormont, Xenia.

Following a vocal solo by Miss Mary Ledley, routine reports were taken up, all of which were adopted: The secretary of the board, Mrs. Joseph Mason, sent her report, compiled by the retiring secretary, Miss Jennie B. Wallace. In the absence of both secretaries, the report was read by Miss Ida B. Little. (See Page 643).

Testament and Annuity Department—read by Mrs. Joseph Heagen for the absent secretary, Mrs. Harriet Boobyer. (See Page 649).

Financial secretary, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride. (See Page 648).

Literature Department, Mrs. A. J. Randles. (See Page 660).

Parsonage Secretary, Mrs. W. P. Wiegering, read by Miss Ida B. Little. (See Page 651).

Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. D. Sands. (See Page 711).

Noontide meditations were under the direction of Mrs. Virgil Hutchison. After reading I Corinthians, 10, the speaker referred to the recent tragedy of the Squalus and suggested a resemblance between the entombment of the men on the submarine and subsequent rescue from icy depths of thirty-three of them, with the hopeless condition of the sinner who is submerged in evil and must trust wholly to rescue by the only One who can save. The men who were not saved could not help themselves; they were dependent upon the physical means prepared for their rescue and these failed them. It is thus with one hopelessly sunk in sin. He cannot save himself. He can, however, trust absolutely in the means provided for him, and rise into new spiritual life through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Hugh McDowell offered the closing prayer, after which the delegates stood reverently quiet until soft music, played by Miss Mary Rogers, ceased.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
JUNE 24, 1939

Mrs. Earl D. Miller,
First Vice-President, Presiding.

Miss Maxine Lincoln led the devotional service on the subject, "A Young Woman's Adventurous Faith." Ruth 1:16-17; 3:5. She read the story of Ruth and emphasized briefly the importance of the choice that she made. She could have turned back with Orpah with her own people and continued an uneventful life. She preferred to go on to an untried future with one who worshipped Jehovah. In making this decision, Ruth was rewarded far beyond any expectations she might have had. She allied herself with God's people and was accepted by them. She married the wealthy Boaz and became the mother of an illustrious family. The importance of young women choosing to go forward with the people of God, rather than looking backward to the old life was made very clear.

The Convention was aroused to a pitch of enthusiasm by the presence of 48 children from the Tama Indian schools. In a group of gospel songs splendidly memorized and rendered, they called out appreciative applause from the delegates. Among the songs they sang were the Twenty-third and the Forty-sixth Psalms. The missionary, Rev. F. C. Patterson, told the delegates that out of 84 children but two families did not sign a request to the government for Biblical instruction in the schools. The final group sung by the children contained the two numbers, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" and "Jesus is the

Way to My Father's House. Joy Joy! Joy!" This unique demonstration of what can be done under wise leadership is most encouraging.

In the absence of the junior superintendent, Mrs. W. R. McMunn, the editor of the Junior Magazine, Mrs. Joseph Heagen read both reports. (See Page 663).

Thirty-five juniors, suitably costumed, gave the pageant "Jesus the Light of the World." Successively, missionaries from the first century to the present lit their candles at the very large central candle and thus carried the good news to the people of their time. There was but one exception: Judas' candle was not lit. The piece ended appropriately with the rendition of a song "The Light of the World is Jesus."

Too much praise cannot be given to the juniors from Tama and the second group for their serious presentation of the programs entrusted to them.

Mrs. Heagen awarded junior trophies as follows: The cup in class 1 (500 members) was given to Cleveland for the greatest increase in members. In class 2, (less than 500 members), Ohio Northwestern carried off the prize. The banner for greatest efficiency also went to Ohio Northwestern.

The juniors then returned to the platform in groups to give a demonstration of memory work. The names of each of our foreign fields was put in large letters on a poster. Each group gave a memory verse for each letter in each name and gave the reference. This was a remarkable demonstration of the amount of memorizing done by these young people. A salute to the Bible and a group of songs completed this splendidly prepared hour. The Convention expressed appreciation in applause for the leaders of these juniors, Rev. F. C. Patterson and Mrs. John W. Bicket.

Mrs. Frank S. Hoyman, from Egypt, addressed the Convention on Temperance. She spoke at length on the value of the "Cinema" in teaching the evils of intemperance. The Egyptians are very partial to these pictures and they have been sent from place to place, so that their value in teaching the evils concerning drinking and narcotics has been far reaching.

Egypt is doing splendid work in promoting the cause of temperance. Our missionaries work with the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Ada Dunlap, and Miss Venna Patterson, both of Egypt, spoke with reference to field methods used in their work. Mrs. Dunlap sketched in broad outlines the general plan used. The Bible women are prepared before they are sent out on a tour. Their plan is to start with Bible readings, or a story, or a discussion of some problem. Every lesson ends in prayer; the Bible woman goes from home to home or teaches a group in the street. Sometimes she conducts a Sabbath service. Sometimes they go into a house of mourning where Mohammedans and Christians alike engage in the wailing. In no case does the Bible woman neglect the opportunity to teach the word of God. Miss Patterson spoke from the standpoint of a teacher. She showed a map of the valley of the Nile and described the waterwheels by which the water is taken from the river and turned on the land. She likened these waterwheels to the missionaries who must in one way and another send the water of life to a thirsty people.

The schools offer an unparalleled opportunity to center every subject, —science, art, literature, in Jesus Christ. Every day begins with chapel exercises and this service as well as the daily Bible class offers an opportunity to do project work and learn Bible stories. The students write and produce plays on Biblical subjects and do much memory work. Special periods are given to temperance. Thank offering boxes are ready for these classes, that the members may learn daily gratitude. The White Gift service is very important at Christmas. At Easter much interest is centered in the Resurrection story. The students are taken out on trips, taught games, and shown that a Christian can have good times.

A group of 16 missionaries from Egypt, past and present, were introduced to the delegates by Miss Minteer with bits of amusing reminiscence.

A song and prayer service under the direction of Mrs. S. A. Nesbitt closed the program of the afternoon. She used Psalm 4, alternating verse with prayer. Silent prayer and quiet music followed.

SATURDAY EVENING
JUNE 24, 1939

Mrs. O. H. Milligan, Presiding.

The organ prelude modulated into the Thank Offering processional as the presbyterial Thank Offering bearers marched up the aisle singing Psalm 148 (165 Bible Song's Hymnal).

The delegates read the call to worship from Psalm 100 after which Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb conducted a brief devotional service. She based her remarks upon I Corinthians, 1, and Philippians 1:1-6, which verses contain thanksgiving of Paul for the enrichment of the Corinthian Christians, and for the fellowship in the gospel of the saints at Philippi. His thanksgiving was based on his faith and the victory which he had won. The invocation was offered by Miss Minnehaha Finney, missionary to Egypt for 43 years. Following the offertory, the presentation of presbyterial thank offerings was made. These offerings included 53 presbyterials in America and 3 in foreign fields. The roll call of these presbyterials totaled offerings of $104,017.34. This sum does not include the offerings from the foreign fields which are kept for the work there. Mrs. John F. Veltman offered the consecration prayer, which was followed by the response "Thank-you, Father" by Misses Jean McClean and Frances Elliott.

Miss Jean McClean rendered helpful service singing numbers during the program.

The thank offering address was delivered by Dr. M. Earle Collins, president of Tarkio college, on the topic "The Message of Madras to the World." Briefly put, this message is "Send us missionaries,—more missionaries,—missionaries of any race or color,—but more missionaries." The work to be done in reaching the non-Christian world is appalling. Dr. Collins said that after journeying to Madras via Japan, China, and non-Christian countries, he realized that nothing could relieve the horrors of the present conditions in those countries but more missionaries.

There were 471 delegates at Madras. The conference represented many languages, but English was used. The nineteen days that the delegates spent together were given to an attempt to solve the problems of the expansion of Christianity. Dr. Collins was invited to this conference from our comparatively small denomination, because it was declared that the work of the United Presbyterian church in missions is so outstanding that the conference would be incomplete without a representative.

The most rapidly growing church in all the world is India, where 300 souls daily are added the year round. It was said in the conference that if the church in America and Europe should die out, that the virile young church in India, China, Africa, will continue the work. The speaker came away from the conference with several impressions that he wished to emphasize. The first of these is that the conference at Madras broke down for all delegates racial barriers and color discrimination. They learned to know all races and to love all. This principle should be practiced by Christians everywhere.

A wonderful spirit of cooperation came out of the Conference. The impact of such cooperation between Christians can have but one result, the forwarding of the work of evangelization. The utmost harmony existed among the delegates. For example, a group of Christian Chinese and Japanese were so brotherly, that when the report being formulated by the Conference, made some reference to the seriousness of the Japanese aggression in China, the Christian Chinese present said "Do not put that into the report for it will wound our Christian Japanese brothers here." The Japanese Christians responded without hesitation, "It must go into the report, for it is true, and we must bear the consequences."

The Conference was orthodox. Many denominations and groups were represented but the great things to be done rested upon those principles with which we are all familiar; the Deity of Christ, the atonement for sin, etc. An unmistakable conclusion came out of the Conference,—the universality of the Christian church. Despite casual differences, in every land the church in its beliefs and aims is one. "Send us more missionaries."

Dr. John W. Bickett pronounced the benediction.

SABBATH AFTERNOON
JUNE 25, 1939

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen, Presiding.

"The tender love a father has
For all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on
them
Who worship Him in fear."

After singing verses from the 103 Psalm, the leader read Resurrection references from I Peter and II Corinthians. She then read the Memorial Roll for the past year as follows: Mrs. John F. Crawford, Mrs. J. W. Harsha, Attorney William A. Wilson, Mrs. Amelia Caldwell, Mrs. L. M. Henry, Mrs. Lavina Morrison, Mr. Frank S. Hoyman, David Askren, M.D. and Mrs. Tillie Johnson.

In addition to the above names, all of whom represent definite relationships to the Women's Board and the missionary cause, Mrs. Heagen included all members of our Congregational Missionary Societies,—seniors, young women, and juniors, who have been called home during the past year. The quartette sang beautifully the response, "God Gives to His Beloved Sleep." A few words of reference to the service that these friends have given to the cause of missions led to the exhortation that we who remain must press on to the work that calls so urgently for service.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Reverend Walter J. Stewart, Presiding.

The Annual Communion Service of the Convention was introduced by singing Psalm 100. Dr. Walter A. Stevenson offered prayer and Rev. C. A. Pollock read the Scripture lesson from John 19,—the story of the Cross. Following a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Mr. M. J.

Miles, Reverend W. W. Johnson gave the communion meditation. He referred to the Cross as the center of the communion service because Jesus himself said "Do this in remembrance of Me." Memory is a part of this occasion. We look back on our family gatherings,—we remember those who have gone. We feel in the communion the presence of the Holy Spirit brooding over our hearts. He prepares us to pour out our love and thanksgiving. The Lord's Supper is the memorial of the victory that the Lord won over the world. This was not our victory, but His. "This is the victory that overcometh the world—even our faith." If we were abandoned to our own ability and merit, we would be lost indeed. We must be sensitive to sin in the world, due to our own, for the world is within us; but Jesus said, "I have overcome the world." It is this victory that we are celebrating today. Let us be of good cheer for the Lamb of God has taken away the sin of the world. This is the victory,—our faith. By faith we shall take the bread and by faith we shall take the cup. The Communion prayer was offered by Reverend R. G. Smith, after which the Lord's Supper was observed. The communicants sang the twenty-third Psalm from memory and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. R. W. Thompson, Synodical Superintendent.

SABBATH EVENING

Mrs. J. D. Sands, Presiding

Miss Laura Reynolds, of India, led the devotional service and after singing the Convention song from Psalm 60, she read the story of the annointing at Bethany. She emphasized the thought that Mary offered the Savior a complete service. She did not give him just a little ointment, but she lavished upon him all her store so that its fragrance filled the house. The entire box was broken, not merely the lid off. Such should be our kind of service. We may each offer to the Christ all that we have, not withholding any whatever.

The Des Moines choir of twenty-five voices, directed by Mrs. Martin Tollefsen, gave a splendid rendition of "Judge Me, Oh God."

Miss Kate Hill, who has spent the greater part of 43 years in India, presented India's needs. Among these she enumerated the necessity of better homes, as the foundation of Christian living and national betterment. Too many homes are unworthy the name and must be rebuilt. The rural situation is desperate. There is no equipment for farming and it is only by the hardest labor that the farmer can eke out a doubtful existence.

The health problem is acute, and there is no time, strength or money to do more than scratch the surface of this need. The villages should be taught the principles of health and the hospitals are inadequate to reach these. The natives must be taught how to live.

The educational need is paramount. The slogan, "Each one teach one," has accomplished a good deal, but there are not enough missionaries to tap the terrible need, and the people are waiting. It is not until the people can read, that the Bible will become an open book.

India stretches out her hand in every direction pleading for help. Can this assembly answer the Lord's question to Peter "Lovest thou me?" and act upon his command to "feed My sheep." When India can see the Lord's face and hear his voice and feel the touch of his hand, her needs will be met, and this can come about only through an increased missionary force. A beautiful illuminated globe of the world added force to Miss Hill's plea for India.

Appropriately the choir sang "Open Our Eyes, That We May See To Follow Thee, Jesus."

"The Call of Egypt's Youth" was the subject of the address by Miss Carol McMillan, who is in charge of the Mary Clokey Porter Girls' School in Tanta, Egypt. She reviewed briefly the recent events in Egypt: the death of the king Fuad, the accession of Farouk, to the throne, his marriage to Farida, and the birth of the princess. Politically, Egypt has been disturbed by the efforts of Italy to possess her, but Great Britain came to her aid and adjustments have been made by which Egypt again feels secure.

The country is being improved by better roads, better sanitation, better parks, and cinemas.

For years our mission schools led in educational work, but the government has now taken the lead and cities are fairly well equipped. The rural situation is far from satisfactory.

Childhood today is the victim of superstition as menacing as it has always been. Only the favored ones who have been brought under the influence of Christ, are free from it. The babies have little chance to live because of ignorant mothers, and they die in large numbers. The homes are cradles of evil: lying, stealing, and impure language obtain in most of these homes. Children grow up on the streets and learn all the evil there is. Our schools are too few to meet these conditions in any great degree.

Diseases are prevalent and although there are a good many clinics, they are not sufficient to cope with the almost universal need for help.

Children suffer from divorced parents, subsequent marriage of fathers, and the conditions that result from these wrecked homes. The children of Egypt call to America to help more in rescuing them from manifest ills.

Mrs. Ried F. Shields addressed the Convention on "Our Work in Sudan." Our work includes the little children in the kindergarten to girls in their teens. The older girls have been taught the care of the younger children, have learned to sew and cook, and look after the necessary duties in the home. They are required to budget the week's expenses. Much work is done and supervised in our school by these girls of our own training.

For many years there was no way by which the missionary had access to the harems. Times are changing and we now have large numbers of girls and women who come to us to be taught the Bible in addition to useful occupations.

There are many open doors that we cannot enter for lack of means and workers. There is every opportunity if we can only command the resources to apply to it.

The final message of the evening was sung by Mr. G. C. Shaver, of Monmouth college, "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me, Oh Lord."

Rev. W. J. Stewart offered the prayer and pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING
JUNE 26, 1939

Morning prayer was led by Mrs. Henry Evans on the subject, "A Business Woman's Quiet Faith." She read the story of Lydia from Acts 16, and presented very helpfully the value of faith to business women. She interpreted Lydia, the seller of purple, as a modern business woman,—and a successful one as is shown by her contributions to the work of Paul and implied beneficences. She was that very usual business woman of the present time who also has her home, but is not primarily a home-maker. It is evident that she had not lost her religious balance although engaged in business, but took her faith into her business life. She gathered with the women for worship on the river bank and was evidently living up to the light which she had, and so had her great opportunity. Paul received the call to come over into Europe, and she was fortunate in meeting him at the above mentioned prayer meeting. Because of her faith,—to which she added works,—Lydia's influence was widely felt and she is known as the first convert in Europe. The service closed with prayer by four business women from different lines of activity.

Voted: that a committee be appointed to audit the Minutes and report on Tuesday morning. This committee consists of Miss Ruth Elta Findley—Los Angeles, Delsie E. Hamilton—Conemaugh, and Mrs. E. E. Beattie—Monmouth.

Routine reports were offered as follows, all of which were adopted: Thank Offering secretary, Mrs. O. H. Milligan. (See Page 674). American Indian Missions, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride. (See Page 683). Young Women's Missionary Society, Miss Ida B. Little. (See Page 669). Temperance and Reform, Mrs. Harriet Boobyer, read by Mrs. Joseph Heagen. (See Page 671). Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. D. Sands. (See Page 711).

The reports of the Treasurer and Editor of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* were made by Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold and Mrs. John P. White, respectively. These reports were enlivened by a conversation between the two ladies, in which the merits of the magazine were set forth. The annual magazine shower followed. (See Page 662).

The report of the Women's Association, Pittsburgh, was read by Mrs. D. T. McKeag in the absence of the delegate, Mrs. James Toddie. That of the Women's Association of the West, Los Angeles, was read by Miss Ruth E. Findley in the absence of the appointed representative. (See Page 788).

Field secretary, Miss Sallie E. Dickey, reported her activities during the year. (See Page 710).

Brief talks were brought to the Convention by two representatives of home mission schools: Miss Edna McDowell, Frenchburg, and Miss Pearl Bear, Tama. Miss McDowell spoke of the value of the Frenchburg school to the community. The girls are taught homemaking in all its aspects, while the boys have instruction in building houses, and planning conveniences for modern homes. The School also offers mental training along the usual courses of study, and students are required to complete a requisite number of these for graduation. The Bible work is very strong and is stimulated by memory contests. The spiritual atmosphere is high and its benefits far reaching. Thus the School affords the three-fold opportunity for physical, mental and spiritual development, preparing young people to make a large contribution to the home life of the community.

Miss Pearl Bear, in lovely Indian costume, told the delegates of her experience under missionary influence in Tama. She accepted Christ during evangelistic meetings and has been privileged to have much Bible training. She has had the opportunity of attending conferences and of working in the young people's society. She is deeply grateful for the benefits she has received and relates all her progress to the presence of the missionary.

The noon-tide meditation was conducted by Miss Ruth Ardrey, India, who developed the subject of faith under the following phrases:

1, "I know;" 2, "I have believed;" 3, "I am persuaded;" 4, "I have committed;" 5, "He is able to keep."

Miss Ardrey's theme is expressed as, "Faith leads to assurance," and the progression in the five phrases above are based on the verse "For I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." In concluding her meditation, the speaker played on an Oriental instrument, the *sittar*, rendering the piece "Prebu nu yad kar" ("Remember Jesus.")

Mrs. Neil Stewart closed the service with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON
JUNE 26, 1939

With an introductory song and prayer, the afternoon program was resolved into a conference on Temperance Education under the direction of Mrs. Frank S. Hoyman. The object in this conference was to present available means for teaching the evils of intemperance. It was done by naming leaflets suitable for distribution for all cases and telling where procured. An excellent collection of colored posters of varying sizes were shown as an appeal to the eye.

A series of object lessons was prepared by Mrs. Hoyman to show the effect upon auto drivers of alcohol in greater and lesser quantities; another illustration showed the effect upon the home of the use of alcohol, in that it drove out happiness, health, and all of those qualities which enter into family life. There was not time sufficient for further demonstrations, as the Convention recessed to make a pilgrimage to Tama Indian Mission. This inspection of the reservation was full of interest and information to the delegates. A short service in the little church, a call at the parsonage, refreshments and a trip to the sanitarium were features of a very delightful afternoon.

MONDAY EVENING
JUNE 26, 1939

Home Missions: Mrs. William S. Cook and Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, Presiding.

Evening devotions were under the direction of Miss Ruth L. Courter from the Frenchburg School. She read Paul's message from II Corinthians, 2nd and 3rd chapters, in which he admonishes all those who would minister to the Cause which he preached so ardently, and in which he assures victory to all who are faithful in such ministry. The leader urged upon the delegates the importance of faithful witness in all fields. Those who minister are found in the business world, in the professions, in the home, and have abundant opportunity to testify by holy living to the sincerity of their Christian profession.

In response to an urgent request, Miss Edna McDowell played a piano solo to appreciative listeners.

Reverend Glenn Stephens, Superintendent of the Frenchburg school, addressed the audience on some phases of the work as he has observed it during the seven years of his "stewardship;" for Mr. Stephens regards himself as the representative of our Women in that field. In reviewing these years, he gave concrete examples of students who have entered the school and have been successful in later years. One girl is now completing a college course and received all of her earlier training in the Frenchburg school. A second trophy was a girl who advanced sufficiently to teach. She eventually completed her work in high school and is making a large contribution to the home life of the community.

Other instances were given of the transformation of students into fine, upstanding members of the school who were valuable in their service in any place that they might be found.

The hospital at Frenchburg is noteworthy. The speaker gave instances in which accidents and epidemics were opportunities for saving life found only in this mission. The maternity service is one very important feature. There were five little ones ushered into the world in one week.

The church is obviously the climactic feature of the work. There is now a full-time minister in charge of the religious activities in the mission, and the work is materially strengthened. There is no doubt but the investment of our women in this field has been amply justified.

Mrs. Betty T. Groves, of Arlington, Alabama, told the delegates of the advance in Negro missions since 1903. She expressed gratitude to the women for the progress that had been possible. She says that this progress cannot be measured in numbers but only in the lives that have been touched. Wherever there is a mission there are better homes, better health, better food, better clothes and real contentment. Only Christian training could bring about such a change. Mrs. Groves paid a high tribute to Knoxville college. Its graduates are found in the professions and many fill places of leadership in prominent organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Y. M. C. A., etc. As students, these were started in the mission school, finally graduating from Knoxville. This college extends its influence in every direction,—north, south, east, west.

The audience listened with delight to two spirituals sung by Mr. James C. Hill, Jr.: "Deep River," and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

"The City Streets" was the topic assigned to Miss Ruth E. Findley, whose headquarters are in Glendale, California. She described the city as the center of much organized evil. California is the Mecca of so many people that conditions are always "unusual." People are so largely transient that there is litle opportunity to do a permanent work with them. The climate lends itself to the beach, the mountains, or the desert on the Sabbath day so that the usual plans for expansion of missionary enterprise do not work out.

There are, however, encouragements in the organization of two thriving churches where the work has prospered.

In Los Angeles every cult and ism finds a place. This is due to a lack of the sowing of God's word. These isms and cults hold out false ideals. California does not need *more* religion, but it does need the righteousness that exalteth the nation. Souls and hearts must be purified.

America is *called* Christian, but too frequently Christ is left out. Parents are strangely indifferent to the need of religious training for their children. There is no Bible in the schools; there are too many false utterances from men of so-called scholarship.

The great need in California is that of a genuine revival, and the King's business requires haste.

Reverend Edward J. Sam, Indian evangelist from Yakima, Washington, was introduced, attired in full Indian cotume. With a group of Indian friends he sang the hymn, "Jesus is Passing This Way." Mr. Sam addressed the Convention about "Winding Trails on the Reservation." His address was evangelistic in its extent, and he introduced it with reference to his own conversion, and call to the ministry. He was deterred from accepting Christ because he saw many inconsistent church members; but a friend whose life was a witness to holy living was the means of effecting a change in him.

There are many people on the winding trails who need God and Mr. Sam congratulated the Convention in being dedicated to the work of saving such souls. The address was illustrated with anecdotes drawn from his ministry among the Indians and in conclusion he asked the prayers of the women and asked for more missionaries. He says that the Indians are coming to Christ. Mr. Sam's address stirred the Convention deeply.

Rev. F. C. Patterson, Tama, offered the prayer of consecration and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. G. Smith.

TUESDAY MORNING
JUNE 27, 1939

"From God the victory I receive
Most perfect is His holy way;
His word is tried, they who believe
Will find the Lord their shield and stay."

—Psalm 18

Mrs. M. E. Pinkerton conducted morning devotions based on "A Godly Mother's Optimistic Faith." She read the story of Hannah from I Samuel, Chapter 2.

The speaker drew lessons from the story of Hannah and her son that are of importance to the family today. There is a great need for consecrated mothers, such as Hannah was. Mrs. Pinkerton attributes the present confusion of ideals, and the lack of Christian standards in large measure to laxity in the home, neglect of blessing at the table, and omission of family prayers.

The Auditing Committee appointed to review the Minutes reported that they were accurately kept.

The Credential Committee made its final report as follows:

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Officers	4
Women's Board of Directors	8
Magazine committee	2
Presbyterial delegates (U.S.)	103
India	6
Egypt	6
Sudan	1
American Indian	1
Mountain People	5
Negro Missions	1
City Missions	1
Field Secretary	1
Life Members (Not Elsewhere)	14
Total Voters Enrolled	153

Mrs. Robert French,
Chairman,
Mrs. Neil Stewart,
Mrs. Marion N. Rose,
Mrs. L. A. Smith,
Mrs. Madge Casler,
Miss Lora Rock.

The Roll was called in accordance with this report.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made and the election of officers, board members and magazine committee followed.

The five members of the Board of Directors and the two members of the Magazine Committee were elected by acclamation. The Secretary was elected by rising vote.

The annual "Prayer Around the World" was directed by Miss Kate Hill in the absence of the Prayer Group Secretary, Mrs. Charles Fulton. As a summons to Prayer, a solitary voice from the distance sang, unaccompanied, "My soul in silence waits for God."

The service of prayer was as follows: India, Miss Ruth Ardrey, who spoke in the native tongue; Egypt, Miss Margaret Work; Sudan, Mrs. Reid Shields; Ethiopia, Miss Alice Grimes.

While the Convention gave itself to silent prayer, Miss Hill named the subjects for which the delegates should pray: the homeland, the church, congregations, pastors, young people, missionary societies, prayer periods, Associations East and West.

Continuing prayers for our home work, the following persons led in petitions: the Negro, Mrs. Betty T. Groves; Mountain People, Miss Mae M. Beveridge; City and Alien Missions, Miss Ruth E. Findley; Little Children of All the World, little Sarah Hill, of Newton; American Indian, Mrs. Edward Sam; the Jew, Mrs. William McElwee; Mrs. John P. White concluded this series, by offering a prayer of confession for the failure of the Church to carry out the Great Commission as it should be done.

Miss Hill concluded the service by having the delegates read with her the Call to Prayer issued at the recent Foreign Mission Conference at Swarthmore, Pa.

Routine reports were next in order: Negro Missions, Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, secretary, read by Miss Ida B. Little (See Page 687); City Missions and Mountain People, Mrs. William S. Cook (See Page 695); Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Statistical and Efficiency Secretary offered her report. (See Page 644) These reports were all adopted.

At the conclusion of her report, Mrs. Murdoch made awards to the presbyterials, fourteen of whom received white ribbons.

In class A (700 members or more) the silver cup went to Colorado. In Class B (less than 700) the silver cup went to Spokane.

Wisconsin, with 71 per cent efficiency, carried off the banner.

The report on Prayer Groups, Mrs. Charles Fulton, Secretary, was read by Mrs. Joseph Heagen, (See Page 673).

The report of the tellers was made as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Bickett—Des Moines; First Vice-President, Mrs. Paul Carson — San Francisco; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Robert French—Kansas City; Secretary, Miss Lillian M. Robertson —Hudson; Board Members: Mrs. William S. Cook, Mrs. Ida B. Little, Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, Mrs. W. P. Wiegering. Magazine Committee: Mrs. John P. White, Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold.

Mrs. Annabel Sterrett,
Chairman,
Mrs. E. E. Beattie,
Mrs. A. T. Moreland,
Mrs. W. T. Peck,
Mrs. Ernest Keenan.

Noontide meditations were directed by Mrs. J. W. Davidson on the theme: "Victorious Faith." She said that the exercise of faith, far from being a mysterious matter is a daily experience in common things. Take faith in the invisible out, and nothing is left. The world's work has been wrought by faith. Explorers, our Pilgrim Fathers, Livingston, men of science, reformers, martyrs, the Covenanters of Scotland, the Hugenots of France, all ventured into unknown fields through faith. If one fastens to a great idea and goes forward with confidence, his faith will be justified. The old line "Hitch your wagon to a star" was another way of saying "have faith in great ideas." *Faith is victorious.*

Mrs. T. H. Ainsworth offered the closing prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
JUNE 27, 1939

The Praise service was led by Mrs. Ross Chappell, Second Vice-President. She alternated Bible verses and comments with song, establishing the certainty of victory. She said that there are two conditions to a victorious faith: to serve the Lord with fear, and use believing prayer. Mrs. Elbert McCreery offered the closing prayer.

The Memorial Committee reported as follows: "The Jane Smith Missionary Society of Cuyahoga Falls recommends that Cleveland Presbyterial memoralize the W. G. M. S. to make a revision of the Reading Circle program, so that the reading list may include a wider choice of missionary books." After due consideration and discussion, the committee has arrived at the following conclusions:

Since the reading course list for 1939-1940 includes a selection of three books under the heading of "Home," three books under "Foreign," two books under "Inspirational," and three under "Biography or Other Book"—a total of eleven books with a wide price range, from which four are to be selected,

And, since the number of available books is increasing yearly; because it has already been granted that books from former lists may be chosen, provided the books are "Chosen from one list, not from different lists." (Oct. Magazine, 1939.),

And since awards for indiscriminate reading would certainly be meaningless,

The Memorial Committee recommends that for this year the above memorial be denied.

Margaret E. Upstill,
Chairman,
Mabel Stormont,
Lena M. Young,
Anna E. Nesbit.

This report was adopted.

The committee on Place for the meeting in 1940 reported an invitation from Los Angeles Presbyterial and recommended that it be accepted. The report was adopted. Three delegates from Los Angeles Presbyterial were present and introduced to the Convention. They were received with applause.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee reported as follows:—

With a deep feeling of gratitude to God for His gracious lovingkindness to us during this Convention, The Resolutions Committee gives the following report:

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have been so kind to us during our stay in Grinnell. To Des Moines Presbyterial, to our hostess church in Grinnell, to the local churches, and to the College which has taken care of our physical needs so bounteously. We also wish to thank the "red caps," pages, and ushers, who have given their services so willingly.

The Local Committee is deserving of special thanks for having directed our entertainment in such ideal surroundings.

We also wish to thank the Officers of the Convention, the Women's Board, and the Magazine Committee for their untiring efforts in planning and carrying out such an inspiring program.

We greatly appreciate all those who have brought us inspiring messages through music and the addresses.

We are so grateful to our Home and Foreign Missionaries for the inspiration of their presence and messages.

We extend a vote of thanks to those who made our visit to Tama Missions possible, and for the effort put forth by those in charge to make our afternoon a pleasant one and profitable one.

We thank the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church for the use of their building for this, the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society.

We wish to express our appreciation of the courtesy of the Rock Island Railroad administration in allowing an unusual train stop for the convenience of the delegates to the Women's General Missionary Society at Grinnell.

As we go back to our home societies and presbyterials, let us resolve to do much more for the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. J. D. Leadbeater,
Butler,
Miss Margaret MacKinnon,
Detroit,
Mrs. S. A. Cromwell,
Philadelphia,
Miss Bertha Wallace,
Ohio First.

This Report was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the committee was submitted as follows:

I. *Young Women's and Junior Work*—That the Juniors progress at not later than fourteen years of age by graduation exercises with diploma into the High School Circle.

That there be two Girl's Circles; one of High School age, and one of College age. Progression shall take place by graduation with diploma.

That progression continue through the Young Women's Societies into the Senior Societies.

II. *Magazine* — A more faithful study of our Missionary Magazine, and that a special effort be made to interest each member in becoming a subscriber.

III. *W. G. M. S. Program*—In appreciation of the program of this Convention and looking forward to program plans for another year, we recommend:

1. That the Program Committee plan for an entire session of conferences at which time delegates may study methods and materials concerning the work of the W. G. M. S.

2. That the names of these Conference groups be published in the Missionary Magazine prior to the convention, that delegates may come prepared to participate.

3. That the reports of our work be presented more informally in such forms as round tables, panel discussions and dialogues.

4. That brief moments of relaxation be provided in all sessions.

A. It was moved and seconded that No. III be approved. This motion was voted down.

Moved and seconded that No. III be referred to the officers for next year and the Women's Board. Carried.

IV. *Motion Pictures*—We, the W. G. M. S. of the U. P. Church, wish to go on record as abhorring and opposing the "gangster" type pictures as we realize the effect on the children and youth. That each Society study the movie problems in its locality and influence parents to choose wisely the pictures their children see.

V. *Gambling* — That every member of the W. G. M. S. take a firm stand against gambling which is so prevalent in the world today and that each member oppose any type of gambling which might creep into our church work.

VI. *Narcotic Drugs*—We urge an increased study of what alcohol and other narcotic drugs are and what they do, and a renewed effort to spread this valuable information that the real effects may be known and that there may be "welded a determination to cure these evils."

VII. *Peace*—Because of the present world conditions, we recommend that the members of the W. G. M. S. earnestly:

1. Oppose any activity or organization of an un-American nature.

2. Encourage racial and religious tolerance.

3. Discourage the spreading of war propaganda which tends to make our young people war-minded.

4. Work for universal peace and brotherhood of man as exemplified by Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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REPORT OF

Recording Secretary

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

WITH gratitude for manifold blessings your Board of Directors offers to the Women's General Missionary Society a brief glimpse of the happenings of the past year.

A kind Providence has spared the lives of all of our foreign Missionaries. Two have joined the company of those who, retired from active service, continue by their lives and their prayers mightily to uphold the cause of Missions. Five whose names were noted on last year's report as elected are now on their respective fields—four in India, one in The Sudan, one more has been elected and is in Egypt.

The labors of the "Foreign Fields Survey committee" did not end with return to this country. To presbyterials and societies, the two travelers have untiringly journeyed, carrying information and inspiration gathered overseas. Including these, ten members of the Board have given messages in two hundred and sixty-nine talks; the Field Secretary, besides, has been appreciatively heard as from presbytery to presbytery she has presented the work of all departments. May we not confidently hope that, through the Convention now opening, through the meeting of the General Assembly, the Y.P.C.U. fiftieth Anniversary, the Madras delegates' reports and the various missionary conferences, this volume of information may be crystallized into service?

Not in a long time, it seems to us, has the importance—the imperative necessity—of prayer been realized as in the past year of successive crises. Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jew, all have sent messages over the distraught world—"PRAY!" Prayer for peace has been uppermost in many minds; but prayer for the kingdom of God, the growth of which means peace, has risen from millions of hearts. Prayer Groups, smaller Circles and individuals have been guided by the Prayer Cycle in remembering the whole work of our own Church—and, far beyond, of the Church universal. The Jews in their extremity have been the object of earnest prayer that in the sympathy of the Christian world they may see the character of Christ reflected and may recognize in Him their almost forgotten Messiah.

Concerning the value to the W.G.M.S. and the Church of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and its little sister, *Junior Missionary Magazine*, little can be added to what has been expressed year after year in this Report except that, to use the slogan of a few years ago; "Every day in every way, each is growing better and better."

"Along Indian Trails" an attractive handbook on our work among the American Indians compiled by Mrs. Arthur B McBride, secretary of the Indian Department, has been received with much favor.

One thousand copies of the Prayer Cycle have been presented by the Literature Department to the Board of Administration for distribution to all pastors, and a happy thought of that Board was to insert in each copy a list of all mission churches.

Our Mountain schools and also the missions among the Negroes have been visited by committees from the Board and gratifying reports received.

Two conferences, in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh, between a goodly representation of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Women's

Board were most interesting and satisfying and will render possible even closer co-operation than that enjoyed in the past. A committee from the two Boards has in hand a revision of the Foreign Mission Manual.

Of those whose work brought them into close association with the Women's Board, two are no longer with us. The removal of Mrs. Fannie F. Moore, treasurer of *The Womens Missionary Magazine*, to a distant city was deeply regretted. Her worthy successor in this office is Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold. To "a city which hath foundations" went Mr. William A. Wilson, long the Board's attorney and helpful friend, suddenly called away during the year. To fill the position thus left vacant, the Board secured Mr. Arthur B. McBride, a well-known attorney.

The personnel of the Board itself has changed in the resignation of Miss Jennie B. Wallace, its recording secretary, and the election of Mrs. Joseph S. Mason. Since the latter occupied the secretarial chair for only two months of the Church year, her predecessor was asked by the Board to take part in the summing up of its doings. This report may therefore be likened to a "Swan Song" besprinkled with cheery warblings—the loving regret with which one lays down the work; the hopeful enthusiasm with which the other takes it up.

With this report expire the terms of service of the following members of your Board of Directors: Mrs. William S. Cook, Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch and Mrs. W. P. Wiegering.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie B. Wallace,
Mrs. Joseph S. Mason.

REPORT OF

Statistical and Efficiency Secretary

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

ST. PAUL in writing to the Corinthians said, "I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow-workers." During the last twelve months some among us have planted and some have watered. We have been fellow-workers with God and He has given the increase.

We are profoundly grateful that He has given an increase in the numbers of both societies and members. This year we have more societies than we have ever had and the largest membership since 1932. In this year 1939 we have exactly 1939 societies with 46,818 members here in America, gain 3 societies and 502 members over last year. The Women's Societies naturally have the largest numbers, 831 societies and 22,996 members. The Young Women follow with 625 societies and 12,212 members, while the Juniors have 483 societies and 11,610 little ones enrolled. In addition to these there are 788 members in the Extension Department who, though prevented from attending and sharing in the active work of the societies, join with them in study, prayer and gifts.

The 46,818 members here at home are made up of the white, Negro and red races, there being one society of American Indians, but across the sea we have Egyptian, Indian and Sudanese sisters who swell our ranks and share our work. India adds 86 societies and 2,234 members to our roll. Egypt follows with 78 societies and 3,953 members. The Sudan has more than doubled the number of societies since last year now having 5 to the 2 reported then. Three of these report 66 members, but the other two failed to report membership. Our mission fields thus add 169 societies and 6,253 members to our roll making a Grand Total of 2,108 societies and 53,071 members, a gain of 9 societies and 608 members over last year.

The Women's Department being under the care of the Statistical and Efficiency Secretary the report of their work is inserted here, while the reports of the Young Women and Junior societies are given by their respective secretaries.

Though four new Women's societies were formed during the year they do not make up for the loss sustained through societies uniting with younger societies or disbanded because death had so depleted their numbers that they could no longer carry on. One such, to which we pay honor, is the Women's society of our Tarkio church. It was founded when the College Springs Presbyterial was formed, their histories running parallel until this year which has seen the close of the society's record. Reduced to five members they have regretfully disbanded this society of long honorable history and joined with a younger society in the church. There are others in the same situation who have already, or know they soon must lose their identity. We here pay honor to them all for the great contribution they have made to this organization during the years that are gone.

The majority of the 831 societies in the Women's group are strong active societies with a membership of 22,996, a gain of 500 members over last year. Some societies have come from the Young Women's division into this Department during the year but we have three entirely new and one re-organized society added to our number this year. Two of the new societies are in Caledonia Presbyterial, one in Sheridan Park Mission, the other in Curtis Park Mission. Monongahela Presbyterial has a new society in Mt. Lebanon congregation and West Moreland Presbyterial has the reorganized society in the Irwin congregation. The Women's Department has supported our work generously giving a total of $143,415. Of this $76,231 was for the support of the general work and $67,117 was in Thank Offering gifts. Hundreds of them are enrolled in our 526 Prayer Groups and Circles in which they uphold our work and workers in united prayer. Though they lead the three groups in average Efficiency rating there was a most disappointing drop in the number of 100% societies among them. Last year was the banner year with 13 such societies, this year there are but two, Beverly Heights in Monongahela Presbyterial and Ottawa in Kansas City Presbyterial.

Turning to the record of the whole W.G.M.S. we find 14 Presbyterials with a society in every congregation giving them a place on the Honor Roll. These are Allegheny, Argyle, Chicago, Colorado, Cleveland, Detroit, Indiana, Mercer, Nebraska, Ohio Northwestern, Oklahoma, San Francisco, Spokane and Wisconsin. Twenty-three of the Presbyterials have a membership of more than 700. Of these 11 lost, but 12 gained and among these Colorado stood first with a gain of 8.1%, but Conemaugh pressed close upon her heels with exactly 8%. So one-tenth of one per cent wins Colorado the silver trophy for the highest gain in Class A. In Class B, those with less than 700 members, there are 30 presbyterials, 13 gaining and 17 losing. In this Class also the competition was close, but Spokane wins the cup with 25% and Idaho comes second with 24%.

In the Efficiency Department both encouraging and discouraging features are apparent. That there is undoubtedly a growing interest is evidenced by the many letters and requests for help received by the Secretary and yet 26 Presbyterials rated lower than last year. On the other hand the very large gain in percentage made by some others was most encouraging. New York made the greatest stride forward with a gain of 26%. Ohio Northwestern was next with a 24% gain and Nebraska with 22%. These are remarkable gains and show what improvement can be made when societies and Presbyterials become interested. These with other smaller gains kept the W.G.M.S. average at 54%, the same as last year, in spite of the other losses. The replacing of many experienced Presbyterial Efficiency secretaries with new ones unacquainted with the duties no doubt accounts for some falling off, but this will be overcome with another year's experience. It is earnestly requested that Presbyterials elect their Efficiency Secretaries for a term of three years with the privilege of reelection, as the best, most complete reports come from experienced secretaries. In the three groups the Women stood first with an average of 60%, the Young Women had 50% and the Juniors 51%. Detroit and Oklahoma had the highest average among the Women, tying with 80%. Final computation to determine the winner of the Efficiency banner found five Presbyterials in very close competition, but Wisconsin emerged the winner with 71%. Chartiers and Ohio Northwestern tied for second place with 70%, Cleveland stood third with 69 1/3% and Butler fourth with an even 69%. Wisconsin is awarded the Efficiency Banner with congratulations and good wishes for another successful year.

Last year two goals were set by this Department. One was that we should not only hold the number of members we then had but draw in a number of new recruits. That goal has been achieved to the extent of 500 new members. The second goal was that the older societies should accept more fully their responsibility for the Juniors, heeding the Master's command, "Feed my lambs," and so be able to report a much larger number of little ones under our care this year. This goal was not attained. We sorrowfully confess that we have not only failed to bring more into the fold but have let 124 of those we had stray away and be lost. Can we not hear the Master's grieved voice saying "Lovest thou me?" then "Feed my lambs," and through the coming year tend the flock more carefully? Let us set the same goal again this year concentrating on the first part of Point 2 of the Standard, "Organizing or maintaining a Junior society in every congregation," remembering that "Each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor for we are God's fellow-workers."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch,
Secretary.

COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1939

AMERICA

	1938	1939
Number Presbyteries	53	53
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	53	53
Number Women's Missionary Societies	835	831
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	22,497	22,996
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	620	625
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	12,085	12,212
Number Junior Missionary Societies	481	483
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	11,734	11,610
Total Number Societies	1,936	1,939
Total Number Members	46,316	46,818

INDIA

Number Presbyteries	6	6
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	5	5
Number Women's Missionary Societies	45	39
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	899	860
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	6	7
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	214	216
Number Junior Missionary Societies	49	40
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	1,299	1,158
Total Number Societies	100	86
Total Number Members	2,404	2,234

EGYPT

Number Presbyteries	5	5
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	4	4
Number Women's Missionary Societies	43	53
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	1,249	1,424
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	9	13
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	574	888
Number Junior Missionary Societies	9	12
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	1,874	1,641
Total Number Societies	61	78
Total Number Members	3,697	3,953

THE SUDAN

Number Missionary Societies	2	5
Number Members Missionary Societies	46	66

GRAND TOTAL

Total Number Presbyteries	64	64
Total Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	62	62
Total Number Societies	2,099	2,108
Total Number Members	52,463	53,071

REPORT OF

Financial Secretary

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

SINCE every dollar contributed to Missions is held as a sacred trust, the cost of transporting that dollar must be met from other sources. These are: (1) the Presbyterial Contingent Fund, each presbyterial contributing at least five cents per member annually; (2) interest on investments, deposits, and checking accounts of the Treasurer and from dividends received; (3) from the sale of Thank Offering supplies and of Statistical Reports; and (4) from any principal and interest paid on any outstanding Church loans.

The Church loans still outstanding are: Akron, Ohio (First) a loan for $2,500.00 on which $150.00 interest, but no principal, was paid: Brockton, Mass. Church loan for $1,425.00 and Davenport, Iowa (McClellan Heights) Church loan for $850.00 had no payments of either interest or principal. The Board most earnestly desires the settlement of these loans as soon as possible.

The July-August edition of *The Womens Missionary Magazine*, which furnishes the Convention reports and the annual reports from the Secretaries of the Board and the missionaries on the Mission fields, is very expensive, and the Board shares the expense of publishing this issue.

The following statements show the receipt and disbursement of all money received from the Treasurer and used for administrative expenses, also the receipts from Presbyterials for the Contingent Fund:

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance on hand April 15, 1938	$ 1,761.22
To Contingent Fund from Presbyterials	1,644.66
Interest on Investments, Deposits, Dividends, etc.	1,190.60
Interest on Thank Offerings	1,556.02
From Sale of Thank Offering Supplies	169.39
From Sale of Statistical Reports	126.90
Interest on Akron Church Loan	150.00
Interest from other Department Accounts	3,850.00
From the Treasurer for Delegates' expenses	383.38
Total Receipts	$ 10,832.17

Disbursements

Annual Number of *The Womens Missionary Magazine*	$ 1,078.76

Administrative Expenses

Rent of Offices	$ 1,200.00
Salaries of Clerks	3,240.00
Convention, General Assembly, and Conference Delegates' Expenses	539.90
To Walter G. Knauff, Auditor	412.50
Bell Telephone Co.	38.79
Printing Supplies, Stationery, Postage, Office Expenses	1,642.31
Rent of Safety Deposit Boxes	46.20
Junior Exhibit and Coin Cards	109.90
Floral Tributes and Remembrances	41.38

Statistical Report Expenses			446.50
Bonding and Compensation Insurance			212.00
Total Disbursements			$ 9,008.24
Balance on hand May 1, 1939			$ 1,823.93
Total			$10,832.17
In Monongahela National Bank, Pittsburgh	$ 72.63	(closed)	
In Union National Bank, Pittsburgh	$1,751.30	(active)	
Total	$1,823.93		

RECEIPTS FROM PRESBYTERIALS

Albany	$ 12.00
Allegheny	125.00
Argyle	18.70
Arkansas Valley	21.75
Beaver Valley	81.00
Big Spring	10.00
Boston	26.15
Butler	61.54
Caledonia	39.90
Cedar Rapids	17.00
Chartiers	69.71
Chicago	29.40
Cleveland	75.00
College Springs	13.30
Colorado	29.55
Concordia	3.40
Conemaugh	36.50
Delaware	23.85
Des Moines	15.05
Detroit	25.80
Hudson	10.00
C. M. Hutton Soc.	1.00
Idaho	7.00
So. Illinois	36.50
Indiana	16.26
Kansas City	17.95
Keokuk	20.05
Kiski	22.40
Lake	31.70
Los Angeles	40.25
Mansfield	15.25
Mercer	25.00
Monmouth	30.00
Monongahela	160.00
Muskingum	44.22
Nebraska	17.55
New York	10.70
First Ohio	29.80
Ohio N. W.	20.10
Oklahoma	10.00
Oregon	21.45
Philadelphia	75.00
Puget Sound	14.00
Rock Island	17.70
San Francisco	17.59
Spokane	10.75
Steubenville	28.20
Tennessee	2.85
Uncompahgre	2.48
Vermont	5.85
Westmoreland	60.00
Wheeling	32.96
Wisconsin	19.50
Xenia	36.00
Total	$1,644.66

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Arthur B. McBride,
Financial Secretary.

REPORT OF

Testaments and Annuities

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

DR. J. T. STOCKING, in his little booklet entitled "Immortal Money," says, "Money that is invested in immortal souls becomes thereby immortal." All missionary money is immortal, or "continuous," for that is after all one of the basic meanings of immortal. Yet those sums of money received from estates and at the death of annuitants seem even a bit more "continuous," for after the life and missionary service of such as those whose names appear in these reports have gone to their reward, the money they have thus given to the Lord's work continues their service and interest through years to come.

Paul gave young Timothy the following admonition, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate." To this charge these men and women have been faithful, for they who have been "rich in good works" have also been "ready to distribute."

Before we record the accounts of these two funds, we wish to call attention to a change in our Annuity Rates on joint Annuity Bonds involving the lives of two persons, which is the only form of bonds, beyond the single life bonds, which the Board is now issuing, having made all of its Annuity provisions to conform to the Uniform Rates now in effect by the Boards of the Church. The new rates on joint bonds will be sent on request, those desiring the information must of course give the ages of the two concerned, so that the interest can be computed by the tables now in use. All former literature issued is now superseded by this change. This nevertheless means no change in interest rates on bonds already issued.

REPORT OF

Annuities

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

Bonds Outstanding, April 15, 1938	$225,927.76
Bonds Issued, April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939	12,150.00
Total	$238,077.76
Bonds Lapsed, April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939	5,500.00
Bonds Outstanding April 15, 1939	$232,577.76

Lapsed

Mrs. Josephine Martin, of Los Angeles, Calif.; lapsed January 26, 1938; money to be used for salaries of missionaries in most needy field	$3,500.00
Mrs. Annie B. Gilchrist, of Uniontown, Pa.; lapsed March 27, 1938; money undesignated	500.00
Jane M. Corry, of Saltsburg, Pa., lapsed May 14, 1938; $500.00 to be used for Foreign Missions; $500.00 for Home Missions	1,000.00
Mrs. Martha M. McDowell, of Canonsburg, Pa.; lapsed August 9, 1938; $150.00 to be used for Foreign Missions; $150.00 for Home Missions	300.00
Elizabeth Gillis, of Salem, N. Y.; lapsed October 1, 1938; money to be used for Bible Women in Egypt	200.00
	$5,500.00

REPORT OF

Legacies

APRIL 16, 1938 TO APRIL 15, 1939

Credit Balance, April 15, 1938		$ 722.79
Receipts		
Mrs. Luella McMurdo, deceased	$ 901.60	
Jennie E. White Estate	70.49	
Mrs. Tina Temple Fetzer, deceased	280.00	
Mary Denham Taylor Estate	3,610.29	
William L. Taylor Estate	2,900.00	
Mrs. Eleanor Dunlap Savagem, deceased	900.00	
Mrs. Anna R. Tedford Estate	469.00	
Elizabeth D. Wylie Estate	62.50	
R. A. Glasgow, deceased	186.00	

Margaret Maybon Bryce, deceased	536.50	
Amanda Downs, deceased	100.00	
		$10,017.38
Total		$10,740.17

Disbursed

To Indian Missions	$ 901.60	
To Foreign Missions, $1,144.99; Foreign Salaries, $210.00; Tanta Hospital, $537.50; work in Sudan, $100.00	1,992.49	
To Denham Memorial School, Pathankot, India	3,610.29	
To Salary of Miss Elsie May French	2,900.00	
To Home Missions, $543.00; To Home Salaries, $70.00	613.00	
		$10,017.38
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939		$ 622.79

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet S. Boobyer.

REPORT OF

Ministerial Relief

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

EVER since its organization the Women's General Missionary Society has had a fund for use in caring for aged, needy and afflicted servants of the Master.

The work of this department is done quietly and no publicity is connected with it, but the good it does is far reaching in relieving distress and in strengthening the faith of the recipient in God's promise of help in time of need.

The receipts for this work for the year amount to $3,836.74, and, with a balance from the preceding year, we were able to disburse $4,276.62.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

REPORT OF

Parsonage Department

FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 15, 1939

WE are glad to report that the following congregations have made final payments on loans during the past year.

Boyden, Iowa; 2nd Cleveland, Ohio; Granger, Wash.; King Hill, Idaho; Morgan Hill, Calif.; Russellton, Pa.; Richmond, Ohio; and Washtucna, Wash.

New loans were granted to Linesville, Pa.; Niagara, N. Y.; Newton, Kansas, and Mayfield, Philadelphia, Pa.

From Presbyterials there was received $7,959.00 and from the Thank Offering $1,000.00.

The following is a statement of outstanding loans April 15, 1939.

STATEMENT OF PARSONAGE LOANS

	Outstanding Apr. 7, 1938	Paid during this year	Outstanding Apr. 8, 1939
Alliance, Ohio	5,800.00	....	5,800.00
First Akron, Ohio	1,454.75	75.00	1,379.75
North Hill, Akron	6,089.13	95.00	5,994.13
Auburn Heights, Michigan	4,128.66	150.00	3,978.66
Allenside, Akron, Ohio	2,572,00	150.00	2,422.00
Arkansas City, Kansas	2,035.00	203.50	1,831.50
Boise, Idaho	52.72	52.75	....
Beechview, Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,543.54	475.54	3,068.00
North Ave., Baltimore, Md.	699.02	....	699.02
Boyden, Iowa	909.16	873.50	35.66
Boston, Pa.	5,527.00	700.00	4,827.00
Bolivar, Pa.	1,129.92	239.50	890.42
Second Cleveland, Ohio	729.35	600.00	129.35
Slovak Calvinist, Lakewood, Ohio	1,588.97	106.00	1,482,97
Ingleside Community, San Francisco, Cal.	4,934.88	....	4,934.88
Fairmont Park, Canton, Ohio	6,890.06	136.35	6,753.71
Culver City, California	6,304.87	50.00	6,254.87
Glen Echo, Columbus, Ohio	6,318.37	750.00	5,568.37
Crafton Heights, Pa.	4,949.19	464.01	4,485.18
Girls' College, Cairo, Egypt	1,883.26	470.84	1,412.42
Ewing, Nebr.	444.00	....	444.00
Elyria, Ohio	7,554.00	110.00	7,444.00
Brown Ave., Erie, Pa.	2,781.80	476.88	2,304.92
Everett, Washington	5,064.64	300.00	4,764.64
Freeport, Pa.	1,542.64	305.50	1,237.14
Florence Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.	3,700.47	....	3,700.47
Granger, Washington	437.61	300.00	137.61
Grinnell, Iowa	1,203.64	40.27	1,163.37
Hutchinson, Kansas	999.00	....	999.00
Harmarville, Pa.	3,860.78	265.08	3,595.70
Woodruff Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.	1,864.60	207.12	1,657.48
Ingram, Pa.	2,668.00	444.00	2,224.00
Kenton, Ohio	1,180.36	100.00	1,080.36
King Hill, Idaho	333.50	233.50	100.00
Kenmore, N. Y.	8,226.14	400.00	7,826.14
Reed Memorial, Lyndhurst, N. J.	2,608.84	385.68	2,223.16
Lakewood, Ohio	1,900.00	....	1,900.00
Leetsdale, Pa.	7,203.63	380.00	6,823.63
Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Calif.	6,565.15	....	6,565.15
Monessen, Pa.	2,553.44	10.00	2,543.44
Montrose, Colorado	1,357.95	255.00	1,102.95
Monroe, Iowa	499.36	....	499.36
Morgan Hill, California	499.50	250.00	249.50
Multnomah, Ore.	4,425.16	379.20	4,045.96
Meadville, Pa.	3,927.57	164.82	3,762.75
Olympia, Wash.	1,183.40	200.00	983.40
South Omaha, Nebr.	898.28	199.64	698.64
Hasson Heights, Oil City, Pa.	4,519.96	313.90	4,206.06
West View, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5,751.50	164.34	5,587.16
Kenton, Portland, Ore.	1,390.50	....	1,390.50
Ross Community, Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,177.08	235.51	2,941.57
First Portland, Ore.	2,491.50	....	2,491.50
West 44th St., New York City	13,920.00	....	13,920.00
Laurelhurst, Portland, Ore.	3,954.94	....	3,954.94
Beverly Heights, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4,175.89	618.68	3,557.21
Reedurban, Ohio	3,453.34	183.34	3,270.00
Third Rock Island, Ill.	4,000.00	300.00	3,700.00
Rushville, Ind.	1,609.50	268.65	1,340.85
Russellton, Pa.	3,202.68	3,000.00	202.68
Richmond, Ohio	565.04	300.00	265.04
Superior, Nebr.	635.92	35.34	600.58
Stuttgart, Ark.	1,487.50	175.00	1,312.50

	Outstanding Apr. 7, 1938	Paid during this year	Outstanding Apr. 8, 1939
Second San Francisco, Calif.	3,363.69	425.37	2,938.32
Stewart Manor, Long Island, N. Y.	6,037.47	....	6,037.47
Shedd, Ore.	190.00	190.00	....
Somerville, Ind.	769.09	25.00	744.09
Second Spokane, Wash.	1,759.65	100.00	1,659.65
Scottdale, Pa.	2,702.65	188.75	2,513.90
Sayo, Ethiopia	1,165.50	388.50	777.00
San Jose, Calif.	1,603.40	207.90	1,395.50
First Toledo, Ohio	2,333.24	232.86	2,100.38
9th Ave., Tarentum, Pa.	6,974.00	....	6,974.00
Weiser, Idaho	1,292.14	....	1,292.14
College Hill, Wichita, Kansas	1,276.58	74.00	1,202.58
Washtucna, Wash.	377.00	200.00	177.00
First Wichita, Kansas	1,318.68	105.00	1,213.68
Woodville, Pa.	2,390.00	450.00	1,940.00
Warren, Ohio	2,552.00	348.00	2,204.00
Warrendale, Pa.	2,071.58	188.34	1,883.24
Wilmington, Del.	3,438.61	112.14	3,326.47
Brownlee Woods, Youngstown, Ohio	2,823.19	225.00	2,598.19
Gibson Heights, Youngstown, Ohio	4,144.00	258.64	3,885.36
Pleasant Grove, Youngstown, Ohio	4,440.00	....	4,440.00
	$250,381.13	$ 20,312.91	$230,068.22
NEW LOANS			
Beechview, Pittsburgh, Pa.	108.26	....	108.26
Linesville, Pa.	3,164.08	219.80	2,944.28
Niagara, N. Y.	5,104.10	....	5,104.10
Newton, Kansas	2,090.00	....	2,090.00
Mayfield, Philadelphia, Pa.	4,519.96	156.95	4,363.01
Scottdale, Pa.	212.57	....	212.57
	15,198.97	376.75	14,822.22
Total during the year	$265,580.10		$244.890.44
Cash received on loans		20,689.66	
Donation LaCrosse, Kansas		197.60	
Interest West 44th St., New York, N. Y.		240.00	
Interest Stewart Manor, L. I.		110.00	
Interest Pleasant Grove, Youngstown, O.		** 80.00	
Total cash received during the year		$ 21,317.26	
Rebates—			
Boyden, Iowa	35.66		
Second Cleveland, Ohio	129.35		
Granger, Wash.	137.61		
King Hill, Idaho	100.00		
Morgan Hill, California	249.50		
Russellton, Pa.	202.68		
Richmond, Ohio	265.04		
Washtucna, Wash.	177.00		1,296.84
Loans outstanding, April 8, 1939			$243,593.60

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs W. P. Wiegering, Sec.

REPORT OF

The Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

WE are pleased to bring to you the fifty-sixth annual report of the Treasurer of The Women's General Missionary Society.

In carrying on the work of the Women's General Missionary Society money is indispensable, and also the individuals to handle the money.

The total receipts from all sources for the year ended April 15, 1939 amounted to $354,260.57. This, we are sorry to say, is $4,407.74 less than the previous year's receipts.

The principal sources of our money are the regular funds of our missionary societies and the annual Thank Offering.

The remittances from our fifty-three presbyterials, exclusive of the 1938 Thank Offering, amount to $111,572.14. Due to conditions this past year, this is $1,274.70 less than that of the previous year.

However, we are pleased to report that twenty presbyterials made an increase over their last year's offering. They are Allegheny, Beaver Valley, Caledonia, Chartiers, Chicago, Conemaugh, Des Moines, Hudson, Indiana, Lake, Los Angeles, Ohio First, Ohio Northwestern, Philadelphia, Rock Island, Steubenville, Uncompahgre, Vermont, Westmoreland and Wheeling. The increase in many cases was very small, the total amounting to $4,206.10.

The 1937 Thank Offering, which was the fiftieth, totaled $114,846.05. In June, 1938, this as usual, was distributed to the various departments of work, and also as designated by the donors; $10,500.00 to Senior Life Memberships, $3,770.00 to Junior Life Memberships and $3,000.00 to Life Directorships. The names of the Life Directors are as follows: R. Elizabeth Milligan, In Memoriam, by her sister, Anna A. Milligan; Janet Lockhart McCune (Mrs. J. R.), by the Young Women's Missionary Society of Sixth Church, Pittsburgh; Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Jr., by a friend, through the Young Women's Missionary Society of Sixth Church, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Mary Edie Orr, by friends in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh; Mrs. Jane Carson McCoy, In Memoriam, by her children, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mary MacLeod Newlands, In Memoriam, by Mary MacLeod Newlands Young Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia; Florence White, In Memoriam, by Philadelphia Presbyterial; Mrs. H. W. Crabbe, Los Angeles, by Alice, Ida and Omah Woods; Mrs. Dora Lauster, Rural Valley, Pa.; Mrs. H. C. Campbell, In Memoriam, by the Members of the Women's Board of Directors. We now have sixty-seven names on our Active Roll of Life Directors and eighty on our Memorial Roll.

In addition to the money received from presbyterials $12,862.56 was received from individuals, congregations, Sabbath Schools and Classes for salaries of missionaries and scholarships in our mission schools at home and abroad. This money is most timely and deeply appreciated.

Other sources of income are legacies, lapsed annuities and interest on invested funds. The invested funds consist largely of endowments, memorial funds, Senior and Junior Life Memberships, Life Directorships and Pension Funds.

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Annual Report
of the
TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for the Year Ended April 15, 1939

	Bal. Apr. 16, 1938				Bal. Apr. 15, 1939	
	Dr.	Cr.	Receipts	Disbur'st	Dr.	Cr.
Foreign Missions, General		409.75	122584.06	122542.37		451.44
Foreign Missions, N. W. M.		86.97	15074.00	15137.00		23.97
Foreign Missions, Salaries		17998.67	86825.30	83479.52		21344.45
Girls' Boarding School, Sialkot		356.63	171.00	325.00		202.63
Girls' Boarding School, Sangla Hill		84.45	50.00			134.45
Girls' Boarding School, Sargodha		14.15				14.15
Girls' Boarding School, Gurdaspur		2306.14				2306.14
Girls' Boarding School, Pasrur		3907.00	3671.50	3595.00		3983.50
John & Jane Denham Memorial, Pathankot		474.91	4062.65	497.00		4040.56
Carrie M. Buchanan Memorial, Luxor		192.12	300.00	300.00		192.12
Mary Clokey Porter School, Tanta		2359.31	185.00	2524.53		19.78
Memorial Hospital, Sialkot		2717.00	786.25	1315.00		2188.25
Memorial Hospital, Sialkot, Bldg. Fund		5674.36				5674.36
Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum		87.41	222.00	215.00		94.41
Mary B. Reid Hospital, Sargodha		51.87	6.00			57.87
Martha J. McKown Hospital, Tanta		88.09	979.61	400.00		667.70
George Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa		587.02	88.14	580.00		95.16
Foreign Missions, Special		1030.13	4345.00	3372.00		2003.13
Home Missions, General		12887.06	31106.03	35844.61		8148.48
Indian Mission, U. S.		7610.86	9804.96	9827.89		7587.93
Negro Missions		1162.08	27086.78	27060.38		1188.48
Duke Endowment		4756.06		4080.07		675.99
Parsonage		9239.77	25441.10	24831.03		9849.84
Junior Special			2150.59	2150.59		
Young Women's Special			6534.50	6534.50		
Benevolences		4110.66	3836.74	4276.62		3670.78
Orphans' Home, Valencia			393.00	393.00		
Columbia Hospital			328.35	328.35		
Aged People's Home			298.00	298.00		
Gurdaspur Home		25.84				25.84
Life Memberships, Senior		5431.86	19855.00	14600.00		10686.86
Life Memberships, Junior		21123.00	4403.00	17500.00		8026.00
Life Directorships		5146.23	3405.00			8551.23
Temperance & Reform		3627.19	2764.97	4458.44		1933.72
Contingent Fund		23.78	4789.22	4813.00		
Investment Income		774.63	48896.09	49246.83		423.89
Isaiah 41:6		3303.20	1671.07	1942.35		3031.92
Church Loans	4775.00				4775.00	
Legacies		722.79	10017.38	10017.38		722.79
Annuities		3575.00	12350.00	13325.00		2600.00
Annuity Expense			13328.59	13328.59		
Women's Missionary Magazine Fund			431.43	431.43		
Junior Magazine Fund		758.34	830.00	1000.00		588.34
India Permanent Equipment		8250.02	335.39			8585.41
Mary Herron Home, Ramleh		1211.41	66.00			1277.41
Pasrur Hospital for Christians		777.50	17.51			795.01
Pension Income			7457.07	7457.07		
McAuley Payments		257.50	180.00	340.00		97.50
Payments on Loans			5860.00	5860.00		
New World Movement			2290.05	2290.05		
Special Endowment			2000.00			2000.00
Foreign Field Survey		156.48	499.49	538.29		117.68
Registration Fees			244.00	244.00		
Association of the West		2.15		2.15		
Cancellation of Mortgages	5600.00				5600.00	
Total	10375.00	133359.39	488021.82	497302.04	10375.00	124079.17
Transfer of Funds			133761.25	133761.25		
	10375.00	133359.39	354260.57	363540.79	10375.00	124079.17

Cash Balance, April 15, 1939	122984.39
Receipts for the year ended April 15, 1939	354260.57
Total	477244.96
Disbursements for the year ended April 15, 1939	363540.79
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939	113704.17
ANNUITIES	
Bond Outstanding, April 15, 1938	225927.76
Bonds Issued, April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939	12150.00
Total	238077.76
Bonds Lapsed, April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939	5500.00
Bonds Outstanding, April 15, 1939	232577.76

I have audited the books, records and accounts of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer of The Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, for the year ended April 15, 1939.

The above statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Balances, excluding therefrom the 1938 and 1939 Thank Offering Receipts and including therein the 1937 Thank Offering Receipts, is correctly stated and is in agreement with the records of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hill. Cash on deposit was verified in the regular manner. Of the total cash on deposit at April 15, 1939, amounting to $217,542.06, including the 1938 and 1939 Thank Offering Receipts, $14,254.84 is on deposits in closed banks.

All securities, including stocks, bonds and mortgages, were verified by inspection. Parsonage Loans and Church Loans are in accordance with the books of Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer. Properties acquired through foreclosure of mortgages are as shown by the records and include foreclosure expenses. The deeds to these properties were not examined.

WALTER G. KNAUFF, Certified Public Accountant.

Report of the Contributions to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Missions	Foreign Salaries	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Negro Missions	Parsonage	Junior Special	Young Women's Special	Benevolences	Contingent Fund	Women's Association	Life Memberships	Life Directorships	Isaiah	Temperance	Legacies	Foreign Field Survey	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Albany	84.00	260.00	42.00	106.00	33.00	17.00	15.00	17.00	23.00	12.00	29.00			17.00	23.00				678.00
Allegheny	3132.00	4131.00	1276.00	543.00	1225.00	389.00	169.00	526.00	391.00	125.00				168.00	137.00				12212.00
Argyle	75.00	398.00	466.00	25.00	25.00	21.00	23.50	89.00	23.00	18.70				16.35	23.00				1203.55
Arkansas Valley	35.00	1260.00	36.00	31.00	30.00	25.00	40.00	71.00	26.00	21.75				16.75	24.00				1616.50
Beaver Valley	694.00	1303.00	662.00	193.00	606.00	172.00	131.00	358.00	155.00	81.00				71.00	164.00	140.00			4730.00
Big Spring	82.00	5.00	203.00	40.00	40.00	16.00	4.00	33.00	17.00	10.00	7.00			9.00	15.00				481.00
Boston	285.00	800.00	190.00	59.00	79.00	37.00	22.00	121.00	57.00	26.15				29.35	45.00				1750.50
Butler	930.00	804.00	528.00	231.00	305.00	191.00	89.00	344.00	183.00	61.54	170.00			60.00	182.00				4078.54
Caledonia	225.00	720.00	237.00	106.00	123.00	80.00	63.00	155.00	75.00	39.90	38.00			19.00	72.00				1952.90
Cedar Rapids	54.00	681.00	38.00	56.00	37.00	17.00	21.00	10.00	20.00	17.00				11.00	22.00				984.00
Chartiers	338.00	2356.00	992.00	235.00	249.00	122.00	150.00	412.00	129.00	69.71	132.00			58.40	144.00	900.00			6287.11
Chicago	269.60	800.00	227.00	114.00	134.00	57.00	48.00	148.00	79.00	29.40	74.00			33.00	64.00				2077.00
Cleveland	563.00	720.00	505.00	221.00	250.00	187.00	90.00	474.00	197.00	75.00	22.00			81.95	168.00				3553.95
College Springs	103.00	766.00	38.00	16.00	17.00	16.00	26.00	62.00	16.00	13.30	20.00			15.00	19.00				1127.30
Colorado	151.00	720.00	144.00	73.00	86.00	41.00	22.60	148.00	51.00	29.55				22.30	39.00				1527.45
Concordia	29.00	16.00	17.00	11.00	15.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	9.00	3.40				7.50	8.00				130.90
Conemaugh	67.00	788.00	76.00	46.00	54.00	40.00	36.00	149.00	40.00	36.50	41.00			27.50	45.00				1446.00
Delaware	91.00	841.00	130.00	68.00	75.00	31.00	15.00	66.00	32.00	23.85	17.00			23.10	28.00				1440.95
Des Moines	27.00	642.00	26.00	21.00	20.00	16.00	11.00	29.00	17.00	15.05	3.00			12.50	17.00				856.55
Detroit	338.00	291.00	290.00	80.00	108.00	73.00	19.50	72.50	63.00	25.80	15.00			25.34	55.00				1456.14
Hudson	155.00	1311.00	125.00	42.00	40.00	28.00	3.00	77.00	33.00	10.00	21.00			13.00	24.00				1882.00
Idaho	46.00	57.00	44.00	15.00	19.00	11.00	5.00	7.00	13.00	7.00				12.31	14.00				250.31
Illinois Southern	131.50	863.00	110.00	74.00	88.00	52.00	29.50	172.50	58.00	36.50	49.35			28.00	48.00				1740.35
Indiana	82.00	320.00	90.00	31.00	49.00	27.00	14.00	44.00	38.00	16.26	32.00			19.75	31.00				794.01
Kansas City	111.00	1000.00	62.00	43.00	40.00	22.00	16.00	31.00	22.00	17.95	23.00			13.60	25.00				1426.55
Keokuk	64.00	450.00	98.00	32.00	31.00	19.00	18.00	43.00	17.00	20.05	13.00			16.00	24.00				845.05
Kiskiminetas	133.00	250.00	168.00	62.00	73.00	38.00	22.00	59.00	43.00	22.40				27.35	34.00				931.75
Lake	242.11	644.50	163.00	95.00	97.00	56.00	55.00	207.00	69.00	31.70	4.00			34.60	59.00				1757.91
Los Angeles	332.00	800.00	343.00	139.00	141.00	104.00	42.00	128.00	113.00	40.25				32.65	70.00				2284.90
Mansfield	154.00	205.00	127.00	55.00	74.00	35.00	28.00	44.00	38.00	15.25	6.00			16.00	28.00				825.25
Mercer	148.00	810.00	122.00	87.00	100.00	58.00	30.00	74.00	53.00	25.00	37.00			22.60	82.60				1649.20
Monmouth	97.00	806.00	114.00	85.00	79.00	30.00	49.00	73.00	36.00	30.00	11.00			27.21	41.00				1478.21
Monongahela	1177.00	9645.00	2102.00	450.00	1151.00	253.00	256.00	477.00	287.00	160.00				152.00	249.00		3.00		16362.00
Muskingum	154.00	1257.00	152.00	92.00	76.00	44.00	16.00	98.00	51.00	44.22				36.25	64.00				2084.47
Nebraska	92.00	720.00	98.00	44.00	45.00	36.00	10.00	20.00	41.00	17.55	2.00			11.00	41.00				1177.55
New York	26.00	27.00	14.00	12.00	13.00	9.00	1.00		11.00	10.70				8.00	9.00				140.70
Ohio First	151.00	1011.00	251.00	74.00	98.00	40.00	34.65	103.00	39.00	29.80	19.00			31.00	40.00	186.00			2107.45
Ohio Northwestern	135.00	320.00	101.00	40.00	49.00	20.00	22.00	56.00	22.00	20.10	2.00			9.50	22.00				818.60
Oklahoma	215.00	75.00	75.00	20.00	21.00	11.00	3.00	30.00	14.00	10.00	13.00			15.00	10.00				512.00
[illegible]	52.00	720.00	34.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	33.00	25.00	22.00	21.45				22.00	19.00				[illegible]

Philadelphia	1992.00	1273.00	1255.00	256.00	295.00	155.00	182.00	480.00	182.00	75.00				59.00	75.00				[illegible]

Philadelphia	1992.00	1273.00	1255.00	258.00	295.00	155.00	182.00	480.00	182.00	75.00				59.00	75.00				6281.00
Puget Sound	230.00	300.00	126.00	61.00	62.00	23.00	10.00	30.00	24.00	14.00	23.00			23.00	22.00		25.00		973.00
Rock Island	137.00	346.00	128.00	36.00	36.00	17.00	20.00	106.00	26.00	17.70	14.00			16.00	34.00				933.70
San Francisco	126.00	800.00	116.00	62.00	60.00	44.00	16.00	64.50	49.00	17.59				32.00	42.00				1429.09
Spokane	73.00	137.00	55.00	33.00	38.00	17.00	3.00	4.00	17.00	10.75				9.20	17.00				413.95
Steubenville	176.00	766.00	167.80	98.00	118.00	54.00	18.46	207.50	55.50	28.20	94.00			24.45	54.00		16.80		1878.71
Tennessee	21.00	99.00	22.00	12.00	21.00	1.00	5.00		1.00	2.85	5.00			4.00	7.00				200.85
Uncompahgre	8.00	15.00	9.00	4.00	4.00	2.00			2.00	2.48				3.00	2.00				51.48
Vermont	24.00	102.00	8.00	4.00	13.00	3.00			3.00	5.85				11.90	3.00				177.75
Westmoreland	342.00	2312.00	422.00	178.00	164.00	134.00	78.00	285.00	169.00	60.00				53.00	122.00				4319.00
Wheeling	293.00	803.00	200.00	64.00	120.00	52.00	22.00	152.00	65.00	32.96	13.00			28.00	41.00				1885.96
Wisconsin	129.00	200.00	100.00	42.00	49.00	31.00	13.00	27.50	43.00	19.50	3.00			9.10	35.00				701.10
Xenia	397.00	1238.50	294.00	139.00	133.00	69.00	22.00	106.00	74.00	36.00	40.00			32.00	67.00				2647.50
Christine M. Hutton M. S.	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00		5.00	3.00	1.00	7.00			1.00	1.00				35.00
Warm Springs Cong. & S. S.	10.00		9.00	22.32	10.00					41.00									51.73
Avalon Cong.		720.00																	720.00
Boulevard S. S.		720.00																	720.00
Esel Congregation			150.00																150.00
Frenchburg Cong.			431.45																431.45
First Los Angeles Cong.		618.17																	618.17
Marissa Congregation		720.00																	720.00
Mrs. J. G. McCrory		500.00																	500.00
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Miller		800.00																	800.00
Mrs. Archie Morrison		300.00																	300.00
N. Wilmington W. & Y.W.M.S.		720.00																	720.00
Norris Square S. S.		180.00																	180.00
Rochester, N.Y., Cong & S.S.		666.66																	666.66
Sparta Congregation		720.00																	720.00
Valencia Congregation		701.41																	701.41
Walton, N.Y., S. S.		360.77																	360.77
Woods Sisters		800.00																	800.00
Menifee Co. Board of Edu.			1000.00																1000.00
Morgan Co. Board of Edu.			1083.05																1083.05
Parsonage Repayments						20909.06													20909.06
Returned on Loan Invest.																		5860.00	5860.00
Annuities																		12150.00	12150.00
Legacies																8791.38			8791.38
W. L. Taylor Estate		450.00																	450.00
Investment Income																		48896.09	48896.09
McAuley Payments																		180.00	180.00
Special Endowment																		2000.00	2000.00
Martha Lockhart Mason F'd																		381.05	381.05
Foreign Field Survey																	259.13		259.13
Registration Fees																		244.00	244.00
Pension Income																		5916.87	5916.87
India Permanent Equip.																		181.39	181.39
Interest	17.51					260.00				1496.94									1774.45
Refunds	806.50		1681.00	1616.69	200.00									93.56			195.56	15.00	4608.31
Individuals, Classes, etc.	2249.58	398.05	575.65	250.62	332.20	148.20	74.38	10.00		2.40					14.37				4055.45
1937 Thank Offering	66095.82	50.00	10000.00	2000.00	15050.00	1000.00			500.24	1366.95	20.00	14270.00	3000.00					800.00	114753.01
Actual Receipts	85025.62	57388.06	28351.95	8677.63	22527.20	25390.26	2150.59	6534.50	3836.74	4511.36	1019.35	14270.00	3000.00	1671.07	2764.97	10017.38	499.49	76624.40	354260.57
Transfers	52663.10	29437.24	2754.08	1127.33	4559.58	50.84				277.86		9988.00	405.00					32498.22	133761.25
TOTALS	137688.72	86825.30	31106.03	9804.96	27086.78	25441.10	2150.59	6534.50	3836.74	4789.22	1019.35	24258.00	3405.00	1671.07	2764.97	10017.38	499.49	109122.62	488021.52

Endowments

MARTHA J. McKOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TANTA, EGYPT

Mrs. I. H. Jamison	$1,000.00
John Denham and Sisters	1,000.00
Mrs. O. E. P. Stokes	1,000.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00
Mary Gettis Carson	1,000.00
Margaret Armstrong Carson	1,000.00
Mrs. Eliza Clokey	1,000.00
Argyle O. Y. P. C. U.	1,000.00
W. M. S., Chartiers Presbytery	1,000.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary B. Reid	1,000.00
Margaret Louise Dales	1,000.00
Rev. William Harvey, D.D.	1,000.00
Mrs. Margaret McKallor	1,000.00
Eleanor Porterfield	1,000.00
Rev. Alexander McLeod Milligan	1,000.00
Mrs. Lucy Young	1,200.00
Florence L. Gibson	1,000.00

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, JHELUM, INDIA

Anna Reid	$ 600.00
Mrs. Sarah A. Reed	600.00
Mrs. Ellen Dean	600.00
Miss Lulu Dean	600.00
Mrs. I. H. Jamison & Miss Herron	600.00
Gordon Memorial	600.00
Mrs. Martha E. Wilson	600.00
M. A. Krohn	600.00
W. M. S., Mercer Presbytery	600.00
Junior Missionary Society	1,000.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00
C. D. Bent	600.00
Paul Krohn	600.00
Junior Life Membership	350.00
Florence L. Gibson	600.00

MARY B. REID MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SARGODHA, INDIA

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker	$ 300.00

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SIALKOT, INDIA

Mrs. Mary B. Reid	$ 600.00
Three (3) Jr. Life Memberships	1,050.00
Isabel Milligan	600.00
Jane Anita Milligan	350.00
Margaret Williams	350.00
Mrs. A. M. Stewart	650.00
Mr. J. M. Stewart	350.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Adair Currie	600.00
Edith M. Fulton	600.00
Jane Elizabeth Arnold	350.00
Mrs. Ella Easton McGowan	600.00
Mrs. Brown	600.00
Florence L. Gibson	600.00
Rev. Wm. A. and Martha R. Mehard	1,000.00
Nancy A. Hadley	600.00

WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PASRUR, INDIA

Xenia W. M. S.	$ 600.00
Florence L. Gibson	600.00

JUBILEE HOSPITAL HENDERSON, N. C.

Junior Life Membership	$ 500.00

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL TANTA, EGYPT

Ruth Warnock Scholarship	$1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Speer Scholarship	1,250.00

GEORGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Mrs. Mary J. Webb Baird	$ 500.00
Mrs. Margaret Mabon Bryce	1,000.00
Robert Collins Dornan	1,000.00
Mrs. Anna Moore Hibben	500.00
Miss Belle McConnell	500.00
Rochester, N. Y., Bible School	500.00
Miss Sarah J. Armstrong	500.00
Miss Ellen Heslip	1,500.00
Miss Melinda Pressley	500.00
Mrs. Emma Irwin	500.00
Sara Mabel Patton	1,000.00
Lydia A. Kelly	2,000.00
Margaret M. Davidson	1,000.00
Mahlon Rouch	1,000.00

Memorial Beds: Samuel Young, Mrs. Margaret Klein, Theodora and Mary Barr, Helen Gilmore, Margaret T. Sawvell, Mary Harper, Frankfort Presbyterial Room in honor of Hazel Ewing, Mrs. Martha Leitch, Emma Brown.

Memorial Funds

Mary B. Ashton	$ 13,634.90
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clark	500.00
Maggie J. Hill	1,900.00
Margaret Simpson	14,500.00
Mary Cokey Porter	9,224.13
Avis Cornelia White	2,500.00
Robert Telford	950.00
Eliza McCartney	100.00
Elizabeth Harvey	7,000.00
Ida M. Crothers	8,376.00
Emma J. McWilliams	2,000.00
S. A. Buck Scholarship	1,000.00
Mrs. George Moore Memorial	10,000.00
Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary Denham Taylor	21,958.04
Carrie M. Buchanan	15,000.00
Mrs. Margaret Crawford Black	5,000.00
Susan G. Withrow	6,000.00

Income only of above memorial funds to be used.

Isabella Yocum	10,000.00

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These are all invested in first mortgages on real estate and, together with bonds and stocks from legacies, yielded $84,896.09.

LEGACIES

One unchanging source of our income from year to year is the bequests of devoted workers who have been called from earthly labors to higher service. The receipts during the year just closed amounted to $10,017.38, and were a great help in carrying on the work in the departments in which the legators desired the money used.

PENSION FUND

We now have eleven missionaries on our Pension Roll. It required $6,150.00 to meet monthly payments to them; in addition $706.30 was paid for our eight ministers in our Home Mission Stations.

DISBURSEMENTS

Our disbursements for the year amounted to $363,540.79, which met all obligations and closed every department with a small balance with which to enter upon the work of the new year.

The treasurer deeply appreciates the faithful service rendered by society and presbyterial treasurers. Their untiring care of the funds and their careful, prompt and regular remittances are a great aid to her in her work. Their thoughtfulness and kind words are also very helpful. I would like to suggest a way in which treasurers could be a still greater help at the close of the fiscal year, and that is that each presbyterial treasurer will make an effort to get the society treasurers to send their remittances to them in time to enable the presbyterial treasurers to send all money to the General Treasurer by the tenth of April each year. This request is made on account of the desire of those who make up the Assembly reports to have the reports of the Women's General Missionary Society in their hands by May first. Otherwise the time is too short to close our accounts, have them audited and prepare our reports without strenuous work. Five days additional for this work would be a wonderful help to us in taking care of this vast amount of work that has to be done before May first.

Promptness in remitting the Thank Offering before January first would also be a great help. Some societies each year do not get their offerings to their presbyterial treasurer in time, which necessitates the offering not being counted in the current year's Thank Offering. Will not presbyterial treasurers please urge society treasurers to try to be a little more prompt in forwarding their offerings?

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. B. Hill.

THE ISAIAH FUND

The Isaiah Fund, created in order that presbyterials unable to bear the entire expense of sending a delegate to the annual convention might receive assistance, has made possible a fuller representation of presbyterials at our annual meeting. Every presbyterial has contributed to the fund, which amounts to $1,671.07. Thirteen presbyterials taking advantage of the aid afforded have sent delegates to the convention, and through their reports will share in the information and inspiration of this meeting. Presbyterials desiring help from the Isaiah Fund should have their application in the hands of the chairman of the Isaiah Committee by February, and the name and address of the delegate should be sent early in April. Remittances are made in plenty of time for the delegate to be on hand for the opening of the Convention.

REPORT OF

Literature Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

WERE we a woman we might be sensitive about stating our age; but being the Literature Department we take pride in announcing that this is our forty-seventh annual report and that even now we are nicely started on our forty-eighth year of service.

Our figures which appear later in this report will be of interest. In relation to last year some are up and some are down, but on the whole we feel that it has been a good year in the Department, showing again a splendidly sustained interest in the work of the W.G.M.S.

Yearly we distribute several thousand Prayer Cycles. It has long been the custom and the pleasure of the Department to give each missionary, at home and abroad, a complimentary copy. For a number of years the faculty and student body of the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary have been thus remembered. This year for the first time, 1,000 copies were given to the Secretary of the Board of Administration to which he added a supplement listing all of the American Board Mission Churches and then gave as complimentary copies to the ministerial body of our Church. We are very happy to cooperate in this manner.

The Reading Course continues to be popular. Instead of a Three-Year Course as originally planned it has come to be a year-by-year course, each year independent of the previous one; and, since it has become a permanent thing, we now offer a dainty, WGMS monogram seal for each additional year of reading beyond the third, or Gold Seal year.

The Interdenominational Study Books have a place as usual in the Program Calendar published by the Magazine Committee. These books are listed on our page in the August Supplement of this issue. In addition, and to the fore, in the Home study we shall use "Along Indian Trails"—a study on our work among American Indians. In addition to the interdenominational books in the Foreign study, we shall use "Tomorrow's Egypt"—a book on our own field and written by Miss Davida Finney, a missionary born, raised, and life-long worker in Egypt.

In anticipation of this book we have as supplementary material from the pen of Miss Minnehaha Finney a number of leaflets. Also we have a new map of Egypt drawn by Miss Lucia Dwight with the assistance of Dr. E. M. Bailey, both missionaries in Egypt. Besides being an excellent map of the country, it carries a "key" that opens the door to a wealth of information on United Presbyterian statistics there. Bound up in these missionary friends of ours is much literary and artist's talent of which they have given unstintedly that we may know more thoroughly this oldest of our foreign mission fields.

The Literature Department is not run as a business proposition. Its aim, as always, is to be as helpful as possible at a minimum cost to societies; we, together, learning and working toward that day when "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run."

NEW SUPPLIES

Prayer Cycles	12,000
Study Books, Senior	1,070
Study Books, Junior	498
Helps for Leaders	329
Leaflets and Pageants, purchased	1,231
Leaflets, printed	28,000
Maps	144
Map Sets (Egypt, India, Sudan)	100
Reading Course Books	291

Reading Course Certificates	700
Reading Course Seals, Blue and Gold	600
Cards, Invitation	1,000
Children of Mud Villages	1,000
Magazines	92
Missionary Review of the World	
International Missionary Review	
Novelties	161
Madras Report	127
World Day of Prayer	
Programs, adult	6,200
Programs, young people	250
Programs, children	158
Call to Prayer	9,800
Posters	375

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED

Prayer Cycles	11,023
Study Books, Senior	1,726
Study Books, Junior	446
Helps for Leaders	396
Junior Manuals	44
Junior Diplomas	166
Pins, Junior and Senior	37
L. L. B. items	99
Wall Roll	18
Madras Report	106
Recitation Books	7
Missionary Stories to Tell	51
Leaflets and Pageants (sold)	4,758
Leaflets (free)	21,292
Maps	219
Contribution Envelopes	50,105
Budget Cards	2,762
Reading Course Certificates	400
Blue Seals (Reading Course)	346
Gold Seals (Reading Course)	226
Costumes Rented	25
Facts and Figures	11
History of W.G.M.S.	10
Missionary Review of World	80
Rainbow Series (sets)	11
Games (Related to Study Books)	76
World Day of Prayer Supplies:	
Programs, Adult	6,050
Programs, Young People	150
Programs, Children	8
Call to Prayer	8,800
Posters	350

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

April 16, 1938 to April 16, 1939

Balance on hand April 16, 1938

Union National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.		$ 182.64
Cash on hand		14.20
Monongahela National (closed)		64.12
Diamond National (closed)		142.82
		$ 403.78

Cash Receipts, April 16, 1938 to April 16, 1939

Literature Sales	$3,194.62½	
Check for Postage	7.05	$3,201.67½
		$3,605.45½

Cash Disbursements, April 16, 1938 to April 16, 1939

Literature Supplies	$1,281.49	
Cuts for Magazine	100.00	
Madras Report—to Foreign Board	30.00	
Along Indian Trails—to Indian Department	30.76	
Missionary Review of the World	21.25	
Postage	182.27½	
Printing	789.58	
Office Supplies	76.96	
Refunds	28.17	
Blue Print Maps	63.25	
Board Stationery	90.00	
Express Charges	20.53	
Bank Service Charges	23.60	
Convention Expense	35.00	$2,772.86½
Cash Balance, April 16, 1939		$ 832.59

Composition of Cash Balance, April 16, 1939

Union National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.	$ 619.34	
Cash on hand	1.17	
Stamps	5.14	
Monongahela National (closed)	64.12	
Diamond National (closed)	142.82	$ 832.59

Audited 5/2/39—Correct.
Walter G. Knauff,
Certified Public Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. J. Randles.

REPORT OF

The Womens Missionary Magazine

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

The Womens Missionary Magazine herewith submits its fifty-second annual report.

The subscription list has been maintained almost up to the record of 1937-38. There was a decline just after Christmas but with the coming of spring subscriptions began to rally until the circulation again reached nearly 11,000 monthly.

We continue to send Magazines to all our missionaries, home and foreign; to our colleges and to a number of mission churches. We appreciate any contributions toward this expense.

A change in the Magazine Committee marks this year. Mrs. Fannie F. Moore, the Treasurer, resigned because of a change of residence. We would record our deep appreciation of the devoted and efficient service rendered by Mrs. Moore for nearly fourteen years. It is a great satisfaction that Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold is willing to accept the responsibilities and exacting duties of this office. Mrs. Arnold's capabilities are well known in the Pittsburgh area where she has held various presbyterial offices.

The Program Calendars have had an unusual sale this year, 22,000 having been printed and almost all sold.

Our thanks are due the many helpers who keep our pages filled with fresh material month by month; the Literature Secretaries, whose services are invaluable and all, who in any way contribute to the issuing of the Magazine.

Our one increasing purpose is to enlarge the circle of the readers of our "Good News" until every member of a missionary society is an informed member and is made familiar with the great missionary work of the Church of Christ.

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND BALANCES

APRIL 16, 1938 TO APRIL 17, 1939

Cash Balance, April 15, 1938		$ 1,217.99

RECEIPTS

Magazine Subscriptions	$ 9,343.75	
Programs	850.13	
Obituaries	80.48	
Advertising	11.00	
From Women's Board, one-half cost of annual report number	1,078.76	
Interest on Magazine and Moore Memorial Funds	431.43	
Cuts	100.00	
Miscellaneous	53.68	
		11,949.23
Total		$13,167.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing and Issuing Magazine	$ 9,708.44	
Cuts	401.73	
Programs	351.29	
Convention Expenses	26.75	
Telephone	100.00	
Postage	156.16	
Extra Printing	68.50	

Miscellaneous: (Administration Expenses; Honorariums; Storage; Refunds)	1,518.19	
		$12,331.06
Cash Balance, April 17, 1939		$ 836.16

CERTIFICATE

Having audited the cash records of Mrs. Fannie Moore for the period April 16, 1938 to January 19, 1939, and the cash records of Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold for the period January 20, 1939 to April 17, 1939, Treasurers of the Womens Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, I find this statement to be in agreement with their records. The cash balance was reconciled with the cash balance as indicated on the bank statement issued on April 17, 1939, by the Wilkinsburg Bank.

April 29, 1939

F. Stanley McCoy,
Accountant.

REPORT OF

Junior Missionary Magazine

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

THE *Junior Missionary Magazine* was published each month during the year 1938—thus completing the fortieth volume.

For forty years the "wee magazine" has been doing its best to inspire and cultivate in the minds of the girls and boys of our church the desire to help neglected children of the world, and especially of our mission fields. In a large measure this has been accomplished. As to finances, the girls and boys of our church have contributed large sums to help carry on the work at home and across the sea, but we believe the greatest help has been in furnishing leaders. Who are the missionaries today? Who are the leaders of the children at home? The boys and girls of twenty or thirty years ago. Many of them tell us they received great inspiration for service through attendance at the Junior meetings and reading and studying from the *Junior Missionary Magazine.*

The girls and boys of today will be the leaders in the church tomorrow. Do we not desire to do for them at least what has been done for us?

We appreciate very much the many kind words written us in regard to the use made of the Magazine. Thank you—who have taken time to so write. It is our earnest desire to give only usable material.

Juniors of the church are kept in touch with all Junior activities by the Junior Secretary, Mrs. W. R. McMunn, in her monthly letter.

The "Lessons," which alone make the Magazine a necessity, have been most practical and worthwhile. Using the topics as outlined by the International Society of Christian Endeavor for Junior Societies, Mrs. Fred W. Hartlieb, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, is rendering a most valuable service to the Juniors and their leaders.

Mrs. Lillian Oyler, Sterling, Kansas, and formerly a missionary to the Sudan, wrote the notes for the monthly missionary meetings, using as a theme—"The Juniors Go Visiting." In her lessons she took the Juniors on an imaginary trip, visiting at all our missions in America and over seas. In addition she wrote for us a story of eleven chapters entitled, "The Rain Girl."

We are grateful to the missionaries and children of missionaries for the splendid letters and descriptive sketches provided.

Last year the races of one hundred fifty-one life members appeared on our pages.

For busy work, the "Something To Do" page has afforded much pleasure, and we trust, profit. If you have something you would like to share, send it in.

We enjoy reading the "exchange" periodicals that come to our desk, and hope that our "wee magazine" is so welcomed at other desks.

We thank all who have contributed so generously and cheerfully to our pages; we are grateful for the prompt and courteous service of the John Crawford Park Printing Company. We thank our heavenly Father for His wonderful guidance and blessing.

Our desire is that we may do our share in helping the W.G.M.S. carry out the command of our Savior—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Even though Juniors cannot *go,* yet they can help through their prayers and their gifts, and then one day some will be coming forth and saying—"Here am I, send me."

In closing our annual report, may we solicit your most hearty cooperation in continuing the publication of *your Junior Missionary Magazine.* You, the mothers and big sisters of the Juniors, can do much to help us. You can, at least, see that the children of your congregation are receiving and using the Magazine. Will you?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. M. Heagen, Editor.

REPORT OF

Junior Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 1, 1939.

THE Junior Department reports this year an enrollment of 11,610. There are 483 societies, a net increase of two. There are 68 Little Light Bearers' societies having a total membership of 888. Total number of societies, 551. Total membership, 12,498. A study of these figures is interesting. In 1938 we reported 11,734 Junior members. Of these 1,167 (ten less than in 1938) were graduated. 534 were dropped from the roll, their membership being in societies no longer functioning. The total loss from these causes was 1,701. Last year we reported 25 new societies. This year there are more new societies than for a long time. The number is 38. They have 616 members. There was an increase of 961 members in old societies making 1,577 new members on the roll this year. The total membership, 11,610, shows a loss of 134. 101 of these were in the Junior Church at Des Moines which we hope may soon be reorganized. Some societies reported disbanded have renewed their magazine subscriptions since April 1 and we hope many of them may be reorganized. There were 369 Honorary members. A loss of 84. 984 Juniors united with the Church, an increase of 213. The new societies represent 28 Presbyterials. 23 Presbyterials had none. 173 societies meet every week. One society meets whenever convenient! We wonder how often that is. We believe the best work is done when societies meet regularly. Once a week if possible.

Twenty-five Presbyterials had an increase of membership. Twenty-five had a loss and one remained the same as last year. Des Moines had a loss of 40 per cent. Oklahoma's loss was 33 per cent. The Junior Church at Goodyear Heights, Akron, Ohio, numbers 252 and continues to be the largest on the roll.

There was an increase of 33 societies again this year that used mission study books; 274 used foreign texts; 226, home texts. There are still a good many societies that do not use mission study books. Here again we wonder how efficient and interesting the missionary instruction given in such societies can be. Every society should use both a home and a foreign study every year. Studies for the coming year are: *Far Round the World,* a foreign study for Juniors; *Welcome House,* a foreign study for the youngest Juniors; *Under the North Star,* a home study. Credit for mission study on Junior Standards is to be taken by all societies using these books.

Six thousand and one *Junior Missionary Magazine* subscriptions were reported. An increase of 465. We are glad to say that the 6,500 copies we have been printing during the year are not enough at present to satisfy the demand. The February and May issues were exhausted and not sufficient to fill the orders received. We are increasing the number with the June issue and hope the circulation will continue to be increased. Eleven Presbyterials have magazine subscriptions in every society. This is an increase of eight over last year.

The first Junior Prayer Groups or Circles were reported last year. There were fourteen. Nine new groups were reported this year, the net increase however, is only four making the number eighteen for this year. We regard the formation of Junior Prayer Groups or Circles a most encouraging phase of Junior work. The habit of prayer for the work of the Church is to be encouraged. It brings blessing to the children who take part and blessing to the work and to the workers for whom they pray. Philadelphia Presbyterial leads with eleven Groups or Circles.

Contributions show a decrease this year. Fifteen societies gave a total of $100.00 each or over, one less than last year. Six societies had Thank Offerings of $100.00 or more. The Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., gave $110.00 to the Junior Special, the largest offering for that fund. Societies reported 306 Junior Life members. Mrs. Hill received money in payment for 347 Junior Life Members which is the correct number. To the Seven Departments of Work, the Junior Special and expense funds the sum of $4,650.37 was contributed. $7,322.31 was given to the Thank Offering. The Grand Total was $11,972.68. The Little Light Bearers' fund received a small increase. Their offering was $116.50. The Juniors of India report 40 societies, 1,158 members and total offerings of $68.03. The Juniors of Egypt have twelve societies, 1,641 members and offerings of $291.85.

The Special Work assigned Juniors for last year was the support of Bible Women in India. The sum of $2,000.00 was asked. The Juniors gave $2,150.59. The Special for the coming year will be used for medical work in the South Sudan where the need for this kind of service is very great. The amount asked is $2,000.

All fifty-one Presbyterials were in the Trophy Cup contest this year. The division was equal. Twenty-five Presbyterials increased their membership. Twenty-five Presbyterials decreased in membership. One remained unchanged. Since Butler Presbyterial this year has fallen below 500 members, it no longer is in Class I. All in this Class report a decrease excepting Cleveland. Cleveland has four new societies and an increase of 113 members. This is a gain of 11.5 per cent. To Cleveland Presbyterial the Cup in Class I is awarded.

In Class II are all the Presbyterials having less than 500 members. There are 46 Presbyterials in this group. Of these 24 had increases in membership. One remained the same and 21 reported decreased membership. Honorable mention is made of Spokane whose gain was 77 per cent last year and 50 per cent this year; Idaho, whose gain was 53 per cent and Ohio North Western, whose gain was 58 per cent. To Ohio North Western, the Cup in Class II is awarded.

Reports on Junior Standards were received from 50 Presbyterials. One failed to send a report. The average this year for the 50 reporting is 51 per cent. This is a gain of 4 per cent. Last year the gain was 5 per cent. We expected a larger gain since the Junior Standards were changed and made easier last year. Twenty-one societies had an average of 90 per cent. One less than last year. Eight rated 95 per cent, an increase of one. Nine had ratings of 100 per cent, an increase of four. Two societies reporting two members less than last year claimed 100 per cent. Four societies claimed 95 per cent that had fewer members than last year. These did not have an increase of membership nor did then maintain the membership of the year before so did not qualify on point I a. and b. They could only be rated 80 per cent. We cannot judge the correct ratings of societies in point II and IV b. It is possible to check on the other points. Societies should remember this and not take undeserved credits. A copy of the report you send kept for reference next year will help you to be accurate. The W.G.M.S. Banner for greatest Efficiency is awarded to Ohio North Western Presbyterial whose rating is 84 per cent. This is an increase of 8 per cent over the highest rating last year.

Last year the Juniors of India sent hats such as children in India wear, to be given to all societies having a part in the Junior Exhibit. There were not enough to go around. This year they have sent more hats and the hats will be given out to the societies having part in the Exhibit.

The report this year is encouraging in a number of respects. The large number of new societies, the increases in the number of those uniting with the Church and in Prayer Groups, mission study and Presbyterials all of whose societies subscribe to the magazine are pleasing. It seems difficult however, to build up all along the line. Children and youth in lands across the sea are being regimented for service by godless governments. How important it is that we should enlist the children and youth of America for service under the banner of Christ our King. The America and the Church of tomorrow are being made today. Shall we not put forth increased effort to make America a land Christian in fact as well as in name? Shall we not train well the children of today that the Church may become the great power in the world it ought to be in bringing in the kingdom of our God?

REPORT OF
JUNIOR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939.

RECEIPTS

Balance April 15, 1938	$ 581.15
Received from subscriptions	889.92
Received from Mrs. J. B. Hill, Treasurer	1,000.00
Total Receipts	$2,471.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing 12 issues of The Junior Missionary Magazine	$1,560.00
Postage	108.00
Life-Member cuts	382.75

Binding two volumes Junior Missionary Magazine	6.50
Total Disbursements	$2,057.25
Balance April 15, 1939	$ 413.82

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. R. McMunn,
Business Manager.

Audited 5-2-'39—Correct.
Walter G. Knauff, Certified Public Accountant.

REPORT OF
MRS. N. WYLIE STEVENSON FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939.

RECEIPTS

Balance April 15, 1938	$ 77.84
Interest on Fund	30.00
Total Receipts	$ 107.84

DISBURSEMENTS

For Junior Missionary Magazine cuts	$ 66.00
Balance April 15, 1939	$ 41.84

Mrs. W. R. McMunn,
Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Audited 5-2-'39—Correct.
Walter G. Knauff, Certified Public Accountant.

HONOR ROLLS

The following societies contributed a Grand Total of $100.00 or more:

1.	Sixth Church Pittsburgh, Pa.	$333.00
2.	Third Church Pittsburgh, Pa.	201.15
3.	Second Church N.S. Pgh.	183.00
4.	Houston, Pa.	182.00
5.	Ingram, Pa.	156.00
6.	First Indiana, Pa.	149.60
7.	Wallace Memorial, Washington, D. C.	136.00
8.	Santa Ana, Calif.	133.00
9.	Parnassus, Pa.	111.00
10.	First McKeesport, Pa.	108.50
11.	Seventh Church, Philadelphia	104.00
12.	Fairhill, Philadelphia, Pa.	103.50
13.	Adamsville, Pa.	102.20
14.	Taylorstown, Pa.	101.00
15.	Claysville, Pa.	100.52

The following societies contributed a Thank Offering of $100.00 or more:

1.	Third Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	$175.15
2.	Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	150.00
3.	First Indiana, Pa.	114.60
4.	Wallace Memorial, Washington, D. C.	106.00
5.	Santa Ana, Calif.	101.00
6.	Ingram, Pa.	100.00

The Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., gave a Junior Special Offering amounting to $110.00.

The following societies had Junior Standards ratings of 100 per cent: Sterling, Kansas, Guinston, Pa., Claysville, Pa., Taylorstown, Pa., Second, Washington, Pa., Poland Ave., Struthers, Ohio, Ottawa, Kan., West Side, Monmouth, Ill., Adamsville, Pa.

The following societies have Prayer Groups or Circles:

1. East Side, Gary, Ind.
2. Bovina Center, New York.
3. Westminster, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Fourth Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Seventh Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Twelfth Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. First Church, Baltimore, Md.

8. Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Oak Park, Philadelphia, Pa.
11. Sherwood, Philadelphia, Pa.
12. Wallace Memorial, Washington, D.C.
13. Wynnefield, Philadelphia, Pa.
14. Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pa.
15. Third Church, Spokane, Wash.
16. Mary Maude Porter, Second Spokane, Wash.
17. Second Church Mission Club, Spokane, Wash.
18. Stewart Station, Trafford, Pa.

The following societies contributed to each of the Seven Departments of Work, the Junior Special and the Thank Offering:

Albany—Florida, Schenectady.

Allegheny — 1st Church, 2nd Church, 4th Church, 5th Church, 6th Church, 7th Church, 8th Church, Aspinwall, Avalon, Calvert Memorial, Deer Creek, East Union, Evans City, Elfinwild, Emsworth, Forest Ave., Bellevue, Orphans' Home, Valencia.

Argyle—Putnam, Salem.

Arkansas Valley — Sterling, Jetmore, Zenith.

Beaver Valley — Ambridge, Darlington, Ellwood City, Mt. Jackson, New Brighton, Rocky Springs.

Boston—Whitinsville.

Butler—1st Church, 2nd Church, Clinton, Fairview, Grove City, Harmony, Slippery Rock Boro.

Caledonia—1st Buffalo, Kenmore, South Park.

Cedar Rapids—Boyden.

Chartiers — Canonsburg, Midway, Claysville, Cross Roads, East Canonsburg, Houston, Mt. Prospect, North Buffalo, Robinson, Taylorstown, Venice, West Middletown, 1st Washington, 2nd Washington, 3rd Washington.

Chicago—East Side Gary, Immanuel, Oak Park, Somonauk, Wheatland, Hammond.

Cleveland — Allenside, Brooklyn, Brownlee Woods, 6th Cleveland, Cuyahoga Falls, East Palestine, Goodyear Heights, Lakewood, Pleasant Grove, Poland Ave., Warren, South Youngstown.

Colorado—Denver, Fort Morgan.

College Springs — Lenox, College Springs, Clarinda.

Concordia—Hopewell.

Conemaugh — Blairsville, Indiana, Johnstown, New Florence.

Delaware—Bovina Center, Mundale.

Des Moines—Newton.

Detroit—Auburn Heights, Drayton Plains, Military Ave., Southfield.

Idaho—Nampa.

Southern Illinois—Cutler, Oakdale, Tilden.

Indiana—Salem, Springhill.

Keokuk—Le Claire Prairie.

Kiskiminetas—Vandergrift, Apollo, Leechburg, Puckety.

Lake — Adamsville, Brown Ave., Erie, Cochranton, Greenville, Jamestown, North Shenango.

Los Angeles—Westminster, Whittier, Santa Ana.

Mansfield — Bedford Ave., Fairmount Blvd., Savannah.

Mercer—Lebanon, Plaingrove.

Monmouth — Stronghurst, West Side Monmouth, 9th Ave. Monmouth, Biggsville.

Monongahela—3rd Pittsburgh, 4th Pittsburgh, 6th Pittsburgh, Beverly Heights, Brookline Blvd., Carnegie, Crafton, Crafton Heights, Ingram, Knoxville, 1st McDonald, Mt. Lebanon, Oakmont, West Park, Woodville, 1st Wilkinsburg.

Muskingum—2nd Cambridge.

Nebraska — Summerfield, Pawnee City, South Omaha, North Bend.

New York—Queen's Village.

First Ohio—Ezel.

Ohio North Western—Belle Center, Bellefontaine.

Philadelphia — 2nd Church, 4th Church, 7th Church, 12th Church, Fairhill, Dales Memorial, Germantown, Mayfair, Norris Square, North, Sherwood, Wallace Memorial, Wynnefield.

Rock Island—Moline.

San Francisco—1st Church, Ingleside.

Spokane—3rd Church.

Westmoreland — Atlantic Ave., Bethel, 1st Braddock, Ardara, Greensburg, Latrobe, Parnassus, Pitcairn, Trafford, Unity.

Wheeling—Martin's Ferry, West Alexander, Wheeling, Cadiz.

Wisconsin—West Allis.

Xenia—Clifton.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. R. McMunn,
Junior Secretary.

REPORT OF

Young Women's Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

THE Athenians loved nothing better than "to tell, or to hear some new thing." We Americans are not so different from them in our desire for new plans, new goals, new ideas, new facts.

An annual report is not new as to purpose, but is entirely so as to facts. The facts are presented here in simple, skeletal fashion:—

627 societies in America, net gain six. 12,284 members, net gain 199. 50 new societies in 30 presbyterials.

13 societies in Egypt, 888 members. 7 societies in India, 216 members. 3 societies in the Sudan, approximately 50 to 60 members.

In America, 31 societies in 20 presbyterials disbanded. 7 societies were merged with other societies or were transferred to the Women's division. 18 societies sent no report and 12 others came too late to be included in the report.

Societies contributed to the work April 1, 1938 to March 31, 1939—$51,584.99. *Late* reports would have added $922.09 to this amount. The 1938 Thank Offering was $25,410.13. Contributions to regular objects were $26,174.86, divided as follows: To—

Foreign Missions	$ 2,936.00
Home Missions	2,738.00
Negro Missions	1,397.00
Indian Missions	1,162.00
Parsonage	817.00
Benevolence Fund	841.00
Temperance Fund	782.00
(Seven Dep'ts)	$10,673.00
Foreign Salaries	$ 6,984.00
Y.W. Special (Treas.' Acc't)	6,534.50
Expense Funds	2,061.61

Contributions — Egypt, Offerings, $244.05; Thank Offering, $568.73 or a total of $812.78.

Contributions—India — Offerings, $16.50; Thank Offering, $28.46 or $44.96.

Contributions—Sudan—Thank Offering, $75.00.

Number of societies contributing to—

All Seven Departments	486
Foreign Salaries	247
Y.W. Special Fund	471
Presbyterial Expense	287
WGMS Expense Fund	197
Isaiah 41:6 Fund	200
Thank Offering	565

Read these vital statistics, a story in every line:—

Possible society recruits	2,645
Girls in Mission Study	1,771
Prayer Circles in 37 Presbyterials	216
Girls with Prayer Cycles	4,025
Societies using Prayer Cycles	225
Magazine readers	42
Presbyterials	3,343
Average attendance at meetings	50%
Pennant Points	52%
Standard of Efficiency	51%

(518 Societies Reporting)

Of total membership, 60% is composed of those twenty years or older, 20% of those under twenty years, and 20% did not report.

Note that girls of high school age are passed by in some localities. In one presbyterial, the girl missionary society membership is but *one* to *sixteen* older, young women; in another, *one* girl to *twenty* older young women; in a third presbyterial, the girls number *one* to *one-hundred* older young women! Fortunately many presbyterials are encouraging girls' circles as well as regular Y. W. societies. It should be the aim of every congregation to have not only a junior organization, but a girls' society. The girls should be started off on the "missionary foot," and grow in missionary consciousness and responsibility.

Honor societies in Standard of Efficiency,—90% to 100%.

100% — Argyle — Argyle Y. W.; Chartiers—Houston Ora Haft Society; Southern Illinois — Pinckneyville Helen Brown; Lake—Sheakleyville M.W.D.C.; Monmouth — Washburn J. Morrison C.; Monongahela—Crafton Y. W.

98%—Steubenville—First E. Liverpool Ella Mae Davidson.

97%—Southern Illinois — Sparta Torchbearers.

95% — Butler — Prospect Jesse Johnston; Cleveland—(1) Cuyahoga Falls J. S., (2) Pleasant Grove, Youngstown, Y. W.; Chartiers—2nd Washington Anna Y. Thompson; Monongahela—2nd Wilkinsburg Guild; Oklahoma—Tulsa Willa Ramsey C.

92%—Butler — 1st Butler Y. W.; Cedar Rapids—Clarion Elen F.; San Francisco — 1st San Francisco Frances Gibson; Steubenville—1st E. Liverpool Y. W.

90% — Allegheny — Mars Y. W.; Argyle—Argyle Anna B. Hall; Butler—Grove City M. C.; Cedar Rapids —(1) Barclay Y. W.; (2) Boyden Y. W.; Chartiers—(1) Taylorstown Y. W.; (2) 1st Washington Y. W.; Cleveland—(1) Cuyahoga Falls R. N., (2) Warren F.M.S.; College Springs—College Springs Vivian Trimble C.; Detroit—Drayton Plains Bethany M.C.; Indiana—Princeton Maria Blair; Mercer—New Wilmington Guild; Lake—1st Erie K. Ds.; Monongahela—Oakdale K.Ds.; First Ohio—Morning Sun L.B.L.; Philadelphia—(1) Boulevard B. Kilgus, (2) Woodland Rose Shereda; Rock Island—1st Moline Carol C.; Steubenville—2nd E. Liverpool Y. W.; Westmoreland—(1) Greensburg Anna Milligan, (2) Parnassus Y. W.

The facts are before you as well as a hint of problems, but not all the problems as societies see them! Fully three score varieties have been turned in by more than one hundred societies. These problems have to do with membership, the program, lack of interest by those who should be interested, lack of time due to so many meetings, or one's employment, school activities, competition from clubs, orders and other secular organizations, uninterested or decidedly indifferent mothers, shifting population, scattered membership, lack of interest in missions, no preparation, and other difficulties.

One great encouragement is that the work of the Young Women's Department is gradually covering a greater area and enlisting more of our girls and young women. A retarding influence is the dying societies which in time are interred and one word placed over them as an epitaph,—"DISBANDED!" Perhaps many of these need not have died if the remedy for prolonging life had been used—*transfusion of fresh blood.* If the members drop out, build the society up, introducing the girls available as the body of the society. Another help to continued and able existence *is to have no non-report* societies. Oftentimes such societies appear next as *disbanded.*

Just a word of greeting to our conscientious presbyterial secretaries and to society officers and members faithful through the year in small or large duties, and ready for the great moment of their lives. May their number increase! And may each member of a girls' or young women's society know that she has had a part in this report. Was that part her best effort? Remember that "The success of tomorrow depends upon the preparation you are making today."

Respectfully submitted,

Ida B. Little.

REPORT OF

Temperance and Reform Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

WE are looking out upon the world these days with troubled hearts. "Wars and rumors of wars" are indeed threatening and the actions of "the brutalitarian states" bring the menace of a world war nearer and nearer. We pray for peace, for love among the nations in place of fear, for happiness in place of misery and life in place of death. May God lay His restraining hand upon those in authority, who for power or possessions, would set the nations at each others throats. We *need* to pray; it is our greatest power. The old saying was, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Alas, now, as *The Greensboro (N. C.) News* puts it, "The hand that bombs the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

We turn to our own country, prized even more dearly than before for the Democracy, the religious freedom and the personal liberty that is ours, and we would have America come closer to her God, order her national life upon His Word, obey His laws and honor His Sabbaths. We would have her ponder the warning of the old prophet, Isaiah, who spoke so long ago to another nation that was forgetting these things, "Blessed is the man (and Isaiah meant the nation also through its individuals) that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

And we do have the doing of evil, much more of it than we want to see, with its consequent effects. The evil of repeal has been with us for five years so we have had a sufficient period of time in which to see the outcome of it and judge its effects. Time and space are too short in which to properly sum up the injury, loss and sin which the return of liquor has brought about. Only a brief summary can be given against a background of those glowing promises made by repealists.

"The saloon will not return." And now drinking places have quadrupled in number. The saloon has been brought into the grocery store, into the confectionery, into the drugstore where "Alcohol is the only dangerous drug for which you do not need a prescription." Roadside taverns have multiplied, adding their quota of traffic accidents and deaths until, as Florence Marshall puts it, they should all advertise, "Pre-accident cocktails served here!" Between 1933 and 1937, the number of persons injured or killed on the highways has doubled, and it is an ironic thing to see the same state liquor stores which supply the cause for many of these tragedies, plaintively urging the buyers, "If you must drink, don't drive."

"Legal selling of liquor will increase moderation." Beer consumption rose from 32,000,000 barrels in 1934 to 56,000,000 in 1937; wine consumption from 45,000,000 gallons to 66,500,000 and tax-paid withdrawals of distilled spirits (domestic) from 58,000,000 gallons to 87,000,000 gallons. As for bootlegging, in the past year of 1938, alone, the Federal agents arrested 26,000 persons on bootlegging charges and destroyed 11,400 stills. "Every legal distillery has at least 100 illegal competitors." (Dr. Wesley A. Sturges of the Distilled Spirits Institute.)

Many other indictments could be brought against repeal. What of the all-time high in prison population and the increase in crime, *youthful* crime? The increase in patients admitted to Keeley Cures, particlularly women addicts? The flouting of restraining laws by liquor sellers and the industry until the heads of the industry in their publications appeal frantically to their constituency to obey the laws because by such flagrant disobediencies they are arousing public opinion against repeal? Even all of these are not the sum total of the results of repeal. We must add the startling fact that the United States in the Government-promoted distillery in the Virgin Islands has manufactured and subsequently sold 88,265 gallons of rum in this country in a year. The sum of $520,000 has been given from the United States Treasury, part or all in P.W.A. funds, to carry on the operations of this "Virgin Islands Co." Representative Louis Ludlow of Indiana, speaking in behalf of his joint resolution to prohibit the manufacture and sale of rum by any activities financed by the United States Treasury said, "Over the rum factory at St. Croix floats the Stars and Stripes, and a member of the Cabinet at Washington is chairman of the board. . . The moral sense of America ought to rise and demand that this be terminated."

In contrast, we turn to India where the dream of making "India dry in three years" has seen great progress in this one year that is past. It is significant that prohibition has been characterized as "a noble endeavor" —"endeavor," you see, not "experiment" as the opponents of prohibition in America dubbed it. Let us hope and pray that this "endeavor" will go on and on continuously and constructively to the well-being and happiness, to say nothing of health and economic betterment, of the people of India. We are happy to have had a part in the building up of this temperance sentiment through the years through the funds given to the Temperance Committee of the mission which has done such excellent work through the schools and villages. This year we have contributed the sum of $306.00. We welcome Miss Margaret Fehlman as the new chairman of the committee, remembering the excellent work of Mrs. R. A. Foster formerly in the same office.

We are happy, also, to have a part in the work in Egypt which is a battle against the double evil of drink and drugs. In cooperation with the W.C.T.U., the Temperance Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. S. McFeeters, has done a splendid work, some report of which has recently been given in the June Magazine. We have contributed $270.00 to Egypt and in addition a new lantern for the very extensive work of this kind that is done in such splendid fashion, reaching all classes and conditions, and appealing to Moslems and Copts.

This year we have been asked for temperance funds for the Sudan and are glad, indeed, to widen our gifts and our participation in world temperance. We remember seeing the many white flags flying over the "marissa shops," (the beer shops), of Khartoum and surrounding cities, bringing the usual results in the wake of the sale of this intoxicating beverage. We heard, also, of the same results in the South Sudan where all too often beer drinking is a part of various festivities, social and religious. Alcohol is truly the same whether in the cocktail glass of modern society or in the gourd of the Sudan native in his straw tukl! And the effects cannot be repealed by law in any country!

Truly there comes to all a deep sense of responsibility for those the world around who need shielding from the temptation of drink. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet S. Boobyer.

REPORT OF

Prayer Groups

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

PRAYER is the expression of the yearning of the soul for fellowship with God and for personal blessing. It is also an expression of one's interest in Christ's Kingdom and of one's desire for its extension. The Prayer Group work aims not only to encourage private prayer in the life of the individual, but also to encourage personal evangelism, maintenance of the Family Altar, and faithful attendance at the services of the Church. The following report may serve to indicate something of the prayer life of some of the members of the W.G.M.S.

During the past year, two hundred and thirteen Prayer Groups and three hundred and ninety-two Prayer Circles have met regularly, a total of six hundred and five. While there is a decrease of six in number of Groups, there is an increase of seventy-one in Circles, making, for the year, an increase in total number of Groups and Circles of sixty-five. There is also an increase of Groups among the Juniors.

Ten thousand folders, with monthly scriptural suggestions for the year, were provided for the use of members.

Again this year many presbyterials observed a Presbyterial Day of Prayer; many of our women united with the women of other denominations in the observance of the World Day of Prayer on February 24; and at 10 A.M., E.S.T. on June 21 thousands of our members in the homeland and of our missionaries at home and overseas joined in the fifth annual Prayer Around the World service, all reckoning the difference in time and pausing to pray at exactly the same hour.

Letters from missionaries have aided greatly in furthering the Prayer Group work. These letters, from home and foreign fields, have been sent to Presbyterial Prayer Group secretaries for circulation among the Groups and Circles of their respective presbyterials, and have proven to be both informative and inspirational.

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore, let they voice
Rise like a fountain * * * night and
day."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

REPORT OF

Thank Offering Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

GIFTS, precious as those of the wise men, have been poured into Christ's treasury in every age, and we may be quite sure that God has appreciated them. They were signs and tokens of gratitude for the blessings Christianity has brought to the world.

Fifty-one years the missionary societies of the United Presbyterian church have expressed their gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the blessings they have received.

The accumulated gifts of the days of the past year were presented with praise and thanksgiving at the annual Ingatherings.

In reviewing the reports we find that our societies have been mindful of His mercies. The returned blanks tell of the faithfulness of the thank offering secretaries of the presbyterials and societies. Only twenty-six societies failed to report having given a thank offering. Forty-three presbyterials are on the Honor Roll this year for having a Thank Offering and reporting same on time from all auxiliary societies. They are as follows:

1. Cleveland—Twenty-second year.
2. Wisconsin—Twenty-first year.
3. Puget Sound—Eighteenth year.
4. Uncompahgre — Seventeenth year.
5. Butler—Sixteenth year.
6. Vermont—Fourteenth year.
7. Spokane—Twelfth year.
8. Argyle—Eleventh year.
9. Colorado—Eleventh year.
10. Albany—Tenth year.
11. Delaware—Tenth year.
12. Oklahoma—Tenth year.
13. Chicago—Ninth year.
14. Nebraska—Ninth year.
15. Idaho—Eighth year.
16. Philadelphia—Seventh year.
17. San Francisco—Seventh year.
18. Lake—Sixth year.
19. Westmoreland—Sixth year.
20. Arkansas Valley—Fifth year.
21. Des Moines—Fifth year.
22. Illinois Southern—Fifth year.
23. Monongahela—Fifth year.
24. Indiana—Fourth year.
25. Big Spring—Third year.
26. Hudson—Third year.
27. Oregon—Third year.
28. Xenia—Third year.
29. Caledonia—Second year.
30. Chartiers—Second year.
31. Ohio North Western — Second year.
32. Boston—First year.
33. Concordia—First year.
34. Detroit—First year.
35. Kansas City—First year.
36. Kiskiminetas—First year.
37. Mercer—First year.
38. Monmouth—First year.
39. New York—First year.
40. Ohio First—First year.
41. Rock Island—First year.
42. Steubenville—First year.
43. Wheeling—First year.

Seven presbyterials lost their place on the Honor Roll by one or more societies failing to report having a thank offering.

Presbyterials deserving honorable mention that lacked one society of being one hundred per cent are Cedar Rapids, Mansfield, and Tennessee. Those lacking two are College Springs and Muskingum.

Sixteen presbyterials increased the amount of their offering. Seven hundred and thirty-one societies increased their offerings of the previous year.

Forty-two Women's and Young Women's societies doubled last year's offering. One hundred and four Junior societies are on the Junior

Honor Roll for having averaged one dollar or more per member.

Forty-one societies gave a Thank Offering for the first time. With grateful hearts we report the 1938 Thank Offering is $104,017.34.

THANK OFFERING OF EGYPT

Thebes	$ 346.14
Assiut	1,135.30
Mellawi	25.00
Middle Egypt	552.05
Delta	1,875.51

The total is $3,934.00. Of this amount $2,741.96 was Senior, $568.73 was Young Women's and $345.21 was Junior Offerings.

THANK OFFERING OF INDIA

The report of the presbyterials has not been received. The total is $633.

THANK OFFERING OF SUDAN

The offerings of the five societies total $121.95.

The offerings in our foreign fields do not pass through the hands of the General Treasurer and are not included in the Total Thank Offering.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES

From April 15, 1938 to April 15, 1939

Senior Envelopes	67,721
Young Women's Envelopes	27,477
Junior Envelopes	22,928
Senior Leaflets	58,482
Junior Leaflets	15,455
Book Marks	568
Songs	140
Senior Services	9,437
Junior Services	662
Invitations	9,344
Senior Boxes	10,762
Junior Boxes	7,409
Thank Offering Posters	154
Total pieces	230,539
Senior Life Members	395
Junior Life Members	347
Life Directors	6

God has daily blessed us and we have again expressed our gratitude by gifts.

May the women and children of the United Presbyterian Church continue the anthem of praise and thanksgiving for His rich blessings and tender mercies.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. O. H. Milligan.

REPORT OF 1938 THANK OFFERING BY PRESBYTERIALS

*Albany	$ 986.88
Allegheny	6,831.33
Argyle	1,207.80
Arkansas Valley	974.53
Beaver Valley	4,158.00
Big Spring	583.63
Boston	1,798.23
Butler	3,860.36
*Caledonia	1,605.11
*Cedar Rapids	794.48
Chartiers	4,883.21
Chicago	1,439.43
Cleveland	4,611.02
*College Springs	957.43
Colorado	1,490.91
Concordia	158.24
Conemaugh	1,852.20
Delaware	1,628.92
Des Moines	784.76
Detroit	1,281.71
Hudson	1,280.68
*Idaho	318.74
Illinois Southern	1,460.58
*Indiana	941.60
Kansas City	956.15
Keokuk	926.71
Kiskiminetas	1,221.48
Lake	1,532.40
Los Angeles	2,616.79
Mansfield	860.37
Mercer	1,805.70
*Monmouth	1,848.89
Monongahela	14,213.80
Muskingum	1,921.88
Nebraska	687.82
New York	385.37
*Ohio First	1,902.91
*Ohio Northwestern	701.43
Oklahoma	296.96
Oregon	660.01
Philadelphia	8,245.43
Puget Sound	1,129.19
*Rock Island	835.48
San Francisco	1,056.78
*Spokane	491.95
*Steubenville	2,365.22
*Tennessee	419.67
Uncompahgre	76.70
*Vermont	360.21
*Westmoreland	4,547.52
Wheeling	1,405.21
*Wisconsin	681.19
Xenia	2,015.79
Total	$102,048.74
Convention Offering	145.65

Christine M. Hutton Missionary Society	15.00
Ella M. Gordon	300.00
Friends	20.00
Mrs. D. C. Littell	5.00
Sale of Supplies	187.00
Income Mary Clokey Porter Bequest	553.45
Total	$103,274.84
Interest (Approximate)	742.50
Grand Total	$104,017.34

*Increased.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE 1938 THANK OFFERING

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society, Tuesday, June 6, 1939, the following distribution of the 1938 Thank Offering was made:

Foreign Missions	$ 60,000.00
Home Missions	10,000.00
Indian Missions	1,800.00
Negro Missions	14,000.00
Parsonage Department	800.00
Benevolences	500.00
Junior Missionary Magazine	700.00
Senior Life Memberships	9,875.00
Junior Life Memberships	3,470.00
Life Directorships	1,800.00
Foreign Salaries	96.00
Columbia Hospital	20.00
Contingent Fund	956.30
Total	$104,017.30

DESIGNATIONS OF 1938 THANK OFFERINGS

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign Salary	Indian Missions	Senior Life Memberships	Junior Life Memberships	Life Directorships	Columbia Hospital	Contingent Fund	
Albany			$ 75.00	$ 20.00				$ 95.00
Argyle				240.00				1115.00
Allegheny		$50.00	825.00	20.00				20.00
Arkansas Valley			25.00	30.00				55.00
Beaver Valley			250.00	20.00				270.00
Big Spring			25.00	60.00				85.00
Boston			325.00	60.00				385.00
Butler			600.00	140.00				740.00
Caledonia			75.00	10.00				85.00
Cedar Rapids			125.00					125.00
Chartiers			400.00	350.00	300.00			1050.00
Chicago			125.00	50.00				175.00
Cleveland			475.00	240.00				715.00
College Springs			50.00	30.00				80.00
Colorado			150.00	70.00				220.00
Conemaugh			250.00	100.00				350.00
Delaware	$95.00		200.00	10.00				305.00
Des Moines			25.00	40.00				65.00
Detroit			225.00	20.00				245.00
Hudson			50.00					50.00
Idaho			25.00					25.00
Southern Illinois			200.00	10.00				210.00
Indiana			125.00	10.00				135.00
Kansas City			25.00	10.00				35.00
Keokuk			50.00	10.00				60.00
Kiskiminetas			25.00	60.00				85.00
Lake			75.00	90.00				165.00
Los Angeles			400.00	150.00				550.00
Mansfield			75.00	10.00				85.00
Mercer			350.00	40.00				390.00
Monmouth			175.00	160.00				335.00
Monongahela			1200.00	660.00	300.00			2180.00
Muskingum			175.00	10.00				185.00
First Ohio			150.00	20.00	300.00			470.00
Ohio Northwestern			125.00	70.00				195.00
Oklahoma			25.00					25.00
Oregon			25.00					25.00
Philadelphia			1200.00	300.00	300.00			1800.00
Puget Sound			75.00					75.00
Rock Island			25.00	10.00				35.00
San Francisco			50.00	10.00				60.00
Spokane			75.00	20.00				95.00
Steubenville			50.00	30.00				80.00
Vermont	1.00		25.00					26.00
Westmoreland			600.00	200.00	300.00			1100.00
Wheeling			50.00	50.00				100.00
Wisconsin			150.00	2.00				170.00
Xenia			75.00	10.00				85.00
Miscellaneous					300.00			300.00
Sale of Supplies					300.00		187.00	187.00
Interest (Approximate)							742.50	742.50
Total	$96.00	$50.00	$ 9875.00	$3470.00	$1800.00	$20.00	$929.50	$16240.50

Senior Life Members 1938 Thank Offering

Achelson, Annie
Achelson, Ida
Achelson, Mary
Allen, Mrs. Harriet
Allison, Mrs. Cora V.
Allison, Mrs. Jessie
Anderson, Janet C.
Ardrey, Mary
Armour, Mrs. W. G.
Atcheson, Nancy
Atwell, Mrs. Estella

Babson, Mrs. Horace
Bakken, Mrs. Herman
Ball, Mrs. W. C.
Barber, Ida
Barr, Mary
Basinger, Mrs. Ethel
Bassett, Mrs. J. G.
Batz, Eliza
Baughman, Mrs. Harry D.
Bauweraerts, Mrs. Louis H.
Beck, Mrs. A. M. (In Memoriam)
Bell, Mrs. E. J. (In Memoriam)
Bingel, Naomi
Birnie, Mrs. Allison
Blackwood, Mrs. James H.
Blair, Margaret
Blankley, Mrs. George
Boggs, Adah P.
Bowman, Mrs. Rodney S.
Boyce, Alice Gretchen
Boyle, Mrs. Thomas (In Memoriam)
Boynton, Mrs. C. O.
Braham, Mrs. R. R.
Braun, Mrs. Herbert
Brockmyer, Margaret
Brook, Mrs. Louanna McNary
Brown, Mrs. Ada M.
Brown, Mrs. Ella
Brown, Essie M.
Brown, Mrs. G. L.
Brown, Jessie
Brownlee, Mrs. James
Brownlee, Mrs. Walker S.
Brosins, Mrs. T.
Buehler, Margaret
Burns, Mrs. John
Buss, Mrs. B. J.

Campbell, Charalette
Car, Mrs. Ellen
Carlisle, Mrs. James L.
Carlson, Mrs. A. S.
Caskey, Mrs. Frances C.
Chalmers, Mrs. William (In Memoriam)
Chapin, Mrs. Mary
Chapman, Mrs. Catherine
Cleland, Dorothy
Clemens, Mrs. Zella
Cleve, Mrs. Irving
Collins, Mrs. W. R.
Collins, Mrs. James
Conly, Mrs. Helena
Connors, Mrs. J. L.
Conrad, Jane
Cooper, Dr. Emma
Corry, Mrs. Margaret C. Miller (In Memoriam)
Coullie, Mrs. W. B.
Coulter, Mrs. Ellen L.
Covell, Mrs. Etta
Cowden, Martha
Coyle, Mrs. Mary
Craig, Mrs. Sue
Cravens, Mrs. Ella
Crawford, Jane
Croft, Mary
Culin, Mrs. Edith
Cummins, Mrs. J. D.
Cunningham, Elizabeth
Cunningham, Mrs. Mamie
Curry, Mrs. G. M.

Davis, Agnes
Davis, Mrs. H. A.
Davis, Mrs. Samuel T.
Dawson, Helen (In Memoriam)
Dawson, Mrs. L. W.
Deemer, Mrs. Florence
Dias, Mae
Dickey, Mrs. W. J.
Dinsmore, Dorothy
Dinsmore, Ruth
Dodds, Mrs. John B.
Dugan, Rev. T. V.
Dulmage, Mrs. Marie
Dunkleberger, Mrs. Joseph

Eilers, Johanne
Elliott, Letitia
Emmons, Mrs. H. J.
Evans, Elizabeth
Evans, Mrs. E. B.

Fairgrieve, Mary
Fairley, Elizabeth
Faulkner, Mrs. Ralph O.
Ferguson, Mrs. D. L.
Ferguson, Mrs. Neil
Finley, Mrs. Max
Fitzgerald, Nettie
Folmer, Margaret Katherine
Forrest, Mrs. Walter R.
Franklin, Mrs. John
French, Mrs. Del J.
Fulton, Mrs. R. B.

Galloway, Mrs. Dalton
Gauger, Marjorie
Gibson, Mrs. Anna
Gibson, Elizabeth Webb
Giddens, Mary
Gilkey, Mrs. S. W.
Gilpin, Mrs. L. G.
Glass, Mrs. Lu Emma
Genn, Martha
Gordon, Mrs. Livingstone A.
Gould, Mrs. Irene (In Memoriam)
Graham, Mrs. A. E.
Gratz, Mrs. Sarah
Gray, Mrs. Stanley
Green, Lillie
Grieder, Elsie
Gross, Ruth E.

Hall, Mrs. Gladys
Hamilton, Mrs. Carl B.
Hamilton, Ethel
Hamilton, Mrs. Winifred Collins
Haupt, Mrs. Lloyd
Hazlett, Mrs. A. A.
Heard, Mrs. Sadie E. (In Memoriam)
Heitman, Mrs. H. H.
Henderson, Mrs. Adda
Henry, Mrs. Helen Hamilton
Henshaw, Mrs. John
Hepburn, Mrs. John
Hobbis, Mrs. B. A.
Hoffman, Mrs. H.
Hohman, Mrs. Earla
Hotchkiss, Mrs. R. J.
Howard, Mrs. Edwin B.
Hueber, Mrs. A. C.
Huey, Mrs. Thomas
Hulton, Mrs. H. G.
Hunter, Mrs. Geo.
Hunter, Mrs. Lawrence
Huston, Mrs. A. C.
Hutchison, Susannah McKeown

Irwin, Nellie (Mrs. Alex)
Ison, Mrs. Z. J.
Jackson, Mrs. E. F.
Jamison, Mrs. James A.
Jenkins, Mrs. George G.
Jensen, Louisa
Jewell, Mrs. J. L.
Johnson, Mrs. Hannah R.
Jones, Kenneth Albert
Jordan, Mrs. Kate
Joss, Mrs. Thressa
Junk, Martha L.

Kahring, Lydia
Karr, Mrs. Streeper
Karr, Mrs. Mary
Kash, Mrs. Lizzie
Kelsey, Mrs. Alfred A.
Kennedy, Mrs. Clara
Kenneweg, Mrs. C. F.

Kerr, Mrs. Mary
Keys, Mrs. Eleanor G.
Killian, Ellen E.
Killough, Peggie
Kimling, Mrs. Lewis
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth
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Laing, Mrs. Effie
Laite, Mrs. Albert C.
Lappen, Mrs. Leah
Lauster, Anna Louise
Law, Mrs. Mattie Wherry
(In Memoriam)
Leake, Mrs. Isaac
Lecraw, Mrs. Raymond
Leffler, Mrs. Helen
Levine, Mrs. Harry
Llewellyn, Mrs. Anna
Lightner, Mrs. Annie
Lister, Anna
Lobaugh, Mrs. Hazel
Lockwood, Mrs. Irene
Long, Mrs. Fred G.
Louden, Roberta E.
Louden, Dr. S. L.
Love, Mrs. H. M.
Lyon, Carrie
Lyons, Robert B.
Lytle, Mrs. L. W.

Mack, Gertrude A.
MacKinnon, Margaret J.
Mallo, Mrs. Anna
Mallory, Mrs. H. R.
Manahan, Mrs. Mary
Mansell, Mary Louise
Marshall, Mrs. Sue
Mathers, Mrs. Martha
Mellott, Mrs. Dessie Kendall
Meyer, Margaret E.
Milleman, Mrs. W. P.
Miller, Mrs. A. R.
Miller, Ella J.
Milligan, Betty Whitney
Minsinger, Mrs. Edna
Montgomery, Mrs. A. C.
Moore, Mrs. Alice
Moore, Mrs. Annie
Moore, Mrs. Lindsay
Moorehead, Mrs. W. P.
Morgan, Mrs. Benia
Morrow, Mrs. Claude
Morton, Anna
Mullen, Mrs. James
Mulloy, Mrs. Charlotte S.
Munnell, Virginia Grandstaff
Murphy, Ruth
Murray, Mrs. George

McCain, Mrs. L. C.
McCampbell, Mrs. Harry C.
McClelland, Mrs. Harriett
Emma
McClelland, Mrs. Mary J.
McClester, Mrs. R. H.
McClure, Mrs. Katherine
McCormick, Mrs. J. Harvey
McCracken, Mrs. Mary L.
McCracken, Mrs. Ruth
McCracken, Mrs. S. H.
McCreary, Mrs. Margaret
McCreary, Mrs. Ora
McCrery, Mrs. Leonard
McCutcheon, Margaret
McCutcheon, Mrs. Rose
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McGuire, Mrs. Mary
McHenry, Mrs. Mary
Mildred
McKamish, Mrs. Frances
McKee, Mrs. D. M.
McKee, Mrs. John D.
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McKenzie, Mrs. A. B.
McKenzie, Mrs. C. S.
McKibben, Mrs. W. W.
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McNary, Mrs. S. E.
McNutt, Mrs. Jennie
McQuiston, Mrs. E. E.
McWreath, Mrs. Mary E.

Neff, Emma
Nickell, Mrs. Kate
Nollen, Mrs. G. H.
Nutt, Mrs. A. J.

Oakes, Mrs. Margaret C.
O'Brien, Mrs. R. F.
Olney, Mrs. Frances
O'Melia, Mrs. John C.
Owens, Mrs. Donald

Patterson, Marjorie
Paul, Mrs. W. E.
Paxon, Mrs. Fred C.
Peck, Mrs. W. T.
Perkins, Mrs. Ella
Perrett, Mrs. George A.
Phillips, Mrs. Floyd
Pickett, Mrs. George
Pickle, Mrs. Chas.
Pierce, Mrs. Jack
Pollock, Janet
Pollock, Rev. R. A.
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Proellochs, Helen
Proudfit, Lillie Blanche
Purdy, Mrs. Cora

Quinn, Martha Ann

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Ramsey, Mrs. D. A.
Ramsey, Mrs. R. G.
Ramsey, Sara A.
Ramsey, Mrs. William
Rasmussen, Mrs. May
Ray, Mrs. Emerson
Raymond, Mrs. Elizabeth
Reed, Mrs. Adda
Reed, Mrs. E. W.
Reed, Mrs. W. J.
Rees, Mrs. Edw.
Reesman, Mrs. Olive
Reid, Mrs. Stewart
Reilly, Mrs. Sarah
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Reynolds, Mrs. R. Hood
Richardson, Mrs. James
Ritchie, Dorothy
Ritter, Katharine R.
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Robbins, Mrs. Judson
Robeson, Mrs. Nell
Robinson, Demarias
Rodgers, Mrs. Sarah E.
Rogers, Mrs. Bruce L.
Rogerson, Mrs. Reba
Ruprecht, Helen
Rushhaupt, Mrs. Wm.
Russell, Catherine B.

Safford, Mrs. Lillian
Sankey, Mrs. Minnie
Saunders, Bessie
Schall, Mrs. Raymond
Schattgen, Grace
Scott, Mrs. Russell
Shaw, Mrs. Rachael T.
Shillito, Clara
Shipley, Mary Elizabeth
Sieber, Elizabeth
Simmon, Mrs. Rose Rohrbach
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Simpson, Mrs. Rebecca
Sinclair, Betty
Smith, Mrs. Hugh
Smith, Jean
Smith, Jennie L.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D.
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Snyder, Mrs. Conrad
Sommer, Mrs. Albert
Speakman, Nelle
Springer, Mrs. Fred
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Sprowls, Mrs. Wallace
Starr, Mrs. Guy L.
Stephens, Mrs. Roy S.
Stephenson, Mrs. Geo.
Stevenson, Mrs. George C.
Stevenson, Mrs. John
Stauffer, Mrs. W. R.
Stewart, Mrs. Harley
Stewart, Mrs. Louisa S.
Stoddard, Mrs. J. F.
Stoops, Mrs. Margaret
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Storie, Rae M.
Swanson, Mrs. E. O.

Taggart, Mrs. Ross
Taylor, Grace I.
Telford, Belle
Templeton, Ruth

Tew, Elizabeth
Thompson, Mrs. Dick
Thompson, Mrs. William
Thompson, Mrs. W. R.
Towle, Lizette

Upstill, Mrs. Edw.
Urie, Mrs. James
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Vance, Mrs. Dorothy
Van den Brink, Mrs. S. G.
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Vuncannon, Mrs. J. C.

Walker, Mrs. Samuel
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Wallis, Mrs. M. H.
Walton, Mrs. Howard
Walton, Mrs. Joseph C.
Webb, Mrs. Stephen B.
Webster, Mrs. Rex D.
Wegner, Mrs. Rilla
Weigle, Mrs. Louise
Welch, Mrs. Glenn
Wetmore, Mrs. Carrie
White, Mrs. R. C.
White, Mrs. Roy E.
White, Mrs. Vera
Whitworth, Mrs. Smith N.
Wibberly, Emma
Wilmot, Betty
Wilson, Eva
Wilson, Mary
Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Craft
Worcester, Mrs. E. L.
Wylie, Mrs. Edith M.

Ziegler, Sara (Mrs. F. B.)

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$300 Each

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2. Mr. Leo Collingwood. By his mother.
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4. Mrs. D. Emmet Alter, Abbottabad, India. By her mother, Mrs. J. C. Alter.
5. Mrs. W. B. Bois, East Palestine, O.
6. Mrs. J. A. Miller, Indiana, Pa. By her husband.
7. Mrs. Percy Craig, New Castle, Pa.
8. Mrs. Fred Sebring, Sebring, O. By her husband.
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12. Mrs. J. A. Duff, Aspinwall, Pa. By the Aspinwall Congregation, in memory of Rev. J. A. Duff.
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14. Mrs. Elizabeth James Norton, Ph.D. By the Philadelphia School of the Bible.
15. Mrs. Martha C. Spencer. By a devoted friend who knows and appreciates her ability and activity in missionary work.
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17. Mrs. Marie Iva Huth, Alliance, O. By her husband, C. F. Huth.
18. Mrs. Marth R. Huth, Brookville, Pa. By her son, C. F. Huth.
19. Mrs. W. H. Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
20. Mrs. Albert H. Buehrle, Youngstown, O. By her mother, Mrs. Laura Ewing.
21. Mrs. Lucindia Kennedy, Brookville, Pa.
22. Mrs. Frank R. Potter, New York City. By J. G. McCrory.
23. Mrs. Edith Hice Wiegering, Youngstown, O. By her husband, Dr. W. P. Wiegering.
24. Mrs. A. B. Leavitt, New York City. By J. G. McCrory.
25. Mrs. George Sterling, Steubenville, O. By Steubenville Presbyterial.
26. Mrs. Frank Davis, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
27. Blanche Soule, Egyptian Sudan. By W. M. S. of Second Church, New York City.
28. Mrs. A. C. Evans, Pittsburgh, Pa. By her husband.
29. Mrs. Howard Beatty Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa. By her mother, Mrs. J. C. Hare.
30. Mrs. J. B. Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.
31. Mrs. W. M. Boggs, Valencia, Pa. By Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Evans.
32. Mrs. Guy D. Wallace, Braddock, Pa. By a friend.

33. Mrs. J. C. Pinkerton, Pittsburgh, Pa. By a friend.

34. Mrs. Edward Stotz, Ingram, Pa. By her husband.

35. Helen T. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.

36. Mrs. James S. Huey, Pittsburgh, Pa. By her husband.

37. Mrs. Charles N. Neeld, Pittsburgh, Pa. By her husband.

38. Mrs. May Prenter Duff, Ben Avon, Pa.

39. Mrs. Thomas Delbert Edgar, Wilkinsburg, Pa. By members of the Young Women's Missionary Society.

40. Mrs. F. McGay Knipe, New York City.

41. Mrs. Ralph McGill, New Wilmington, Pa.

42. Mrs. Effie Lukens McKee, Beloit, Kans. By her husband, Charles M. McKee.

43. Mrs. A. M. Scott, Braddock, Pa. By her husband.

44. Mrs. R. E. English, Grove City, Pa.

45. Mrs. Joseph A. Dickey, Edgewood, Pa.

46. Sadie Leggett, New York City. By J. G. McCrory.

47. Mrs. Rebecca Boreland, Jamestown, Pa. By South Shenango W. M. S. and W. M. S., Martha Circle and Junior M. S. of Jamestown.

48. Mrs. Martha K. Stewart, Indiana, Pa. By her brother, J. A. Miller.

49. Mrs. Wm. M. Ewing, Duquesne, Pa. By a friend.

50. Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. By sister, Carrie E. MacDanel.

51. Robert E. MacDanel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. By sister, Carrie E. MacDanel.

52. J. William MacDanel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. By sister, Carrie E. MacDanel.

53. Emma Kensil, Philadelphia. By J. G. McCrory.

54. Mrs. James F. McCain, North Side, Pittsburgh. By Mr. James F. McCain.

55. Mrs. Helen Martin, Braddock, Pa. By a friend.

56. Mrs. W. C. Packer, Wilkinsburg, Pa. By a friend.

57. Mrs. H. L. Henderson, Claysville, Pa. By Claysville W. M. S.

58. Mrs. Carrie Lysle Campsey, Pittsburgh, Pa. By her sister, Mrs. Anna M. McLain.

59. Mrs. Eleanor A. Erskine, Steubenville, O.

60. Helen Martin Toddie, North Braddock, Pa. By a friend.

61. Mrs. Sarah Crowe Parker, Philadelphia, Pa. By Philadelphia Presbyterial in Commemoration of its Golden Jubilee.

62. Janet Lockhart McCune (Mrs. John R.). By Y. W. M. S. of Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

63. Mrs. H. Lee Mason, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa. By a friend.

64. Mrs. Mary Edie Orr, Pittsburgh, Pa. By friends in the W. F. M. S. of First Church, N. S.

65. Mrs. Dora Lauster, Rural Valley, Pa.

66. Mrs. W. H. Ewing, Pittsburgh, Pa. By the Missionary Societies of Monongahela Presbytery. In honor of twenty-five years of service as Presbyterial Treasurer.

67. Mrs. J. L. Beatty, Pittsburgh, Pa. By a friend.

MEMORIAL ROLL

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1. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Savage. By their daughter, Mrs. M. Alexander.

2. Captain John Paisley. By his wife.

3. Miss Mary Anderson. By her sister, Mrs. Sarah Anderson.

4. Mrs. Emma H. Brown. By her husband.

5. Mr. and Mrs. William Miller. By their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Campbell.

6. Mrs. Mary G. George. By her son, W. S. George.

7. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cleary. By their daughter, Fannie A. Cleary.

8. Mrs. Julia I. Adams Frothingham. By her daughter, Mrs. A. A. MacLachlan.

9. Mrs. Catherine A. Wiggins. By her son, D. L. Wiggins.

10. Anna McCourt. By her sister, Mrs. Samuel Boal.

11. Mr. J. W. Duff. By his wife

12. Mrs. Margaret McClenahan. By J. G. McCrory.

13. Mrs. William Agnew Morrison. By her son and daughter, J. Homer Morrison and Mrs. Gertrude Prill, Struthers, O.

14. Mrs. E. J. McPherson, the first president of the Women's Board. By her sister.

15. Dr. John MacDonald Russell. By his sister, Mrs. T. T. Lowman.

16. James T. and Mary Bell Ross. By Jane D. Ross.

17. Thomas McConnell Simpson. By his wife, Minnie G. Simpson.

18. Mrs. J. P. MacDanel. By her son.

19. Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, a "D.S.C.," for most valiant service in the W.G.M.S. of the Lord's Army. Bestowed by a devoted friend in the Sixth Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

20. Mr. Addison Lysle. By his daughter, Anna M. L. McLain.

21. Mrs. Caroline Patton Lysle. By her daughter, Anna M. L. McLain.

22. Robert A. Bole. By his sister, Mrs. J. C. Hare.

23. Mrs. Alex. Stewart. By W.M.S., Emsworth, Pa.

24. A. M. Scott. By his wife, Margaret R. Scott, Braddock, Pa.

25. Mary Lysle. By her niece, Anna M. L. McLain, Claysville, Pa.

26. Caroline Lysle. By her niece, Anna M. L. McLain.

27. Mrs. Etta F. Gilfillan. By her husband, J. Clyde Gilfillan and daughter, Elizabeth.

28. Mrs. J. S. Robinson. By son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller.

29. Mrs. Allen Kirkpatrick. By W.M.S., of Braddock, Pa.

30. William Patton. By his granddaughter, Anna M. L. McLain.

31. Mrs. Anna Clark Patton. By her granddaughter, Anna M. L. McLain.

31. Mrs. Mary J. Baird. By her husband, S. E. Baird.

33. Margaret J. Pollock. By W.M.S. of Philadelphia Presbyterial.

34. Ida May McClure. By her sister.

35. George Lysle. By his granddaughter, Anna M. L. McLain, Claysville W.M.S.

36. Mrs. Margaret McIlvaine Lysle. By her granddaughter, Mrs. Anna M. L. McLain.

37. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patton. By their daughter, Anna I. Patton, Springfield, O.

38. D. C. Wills. By his wife, Mrs. D. C. Wills, Cleveland, O.

39. Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Belle W. Houston.

40. Mrs. K. C. Johnston. By her son, O. S. Johnston, Santa Ana, Calif.

41. Mrs. Charlotte Miller. By her son, J. A. Miller.

42. J. P. MacDanel. By his daughter, Carrie MacDanel.

43. Anna Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

44. Mrs. Robert Livingston. Through Xenia W.M.S. Presbyterial.

45. Mrs. Mathilda Fotheringham. By W.M.S. of Seventh Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

46. J. Charles Hare. By Mrs. J. Charles Hare.

47. Fred Sebring. By Mrs. Fred Sebring.

48. Mrs. J. C. Hare. By a friend.

49. Mrs. Blanche H. Anderson. By the Y.W.M.S. of Philadelphia.

50. Mrs. J. Alvin Orr. By a friend.

51. Mrs. George Sands. By her sister. Mrs. H. C. Campbell.

52. Carrie E. MacDanel. A mother's gift.

53. Christine Arbuckle. By the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies and the Ladies' Aid of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

54. Eliza Lysle. By her niece, Anna M. L. McLain, Claysville, Pa.

55. Mrs. D. W. Morrow. By a friend.

56. Mrs. Elvira Peoples Richey. By her Bible Class and W.M.S., Los Angeles, Calif.

57. Dr. Alexander MacLachlan. By W.M.S., Claysville, Pa.

58. Mrs. Louise MacLachlan. By W.M.S., Claysville, Pa.

59. Miss Melinda Pressley. By First Church Women's Foreign Missionary Society, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

60. Mrs. Helen A. Ackley. By the Women's Home Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

61. Eleanor Sawyer. By Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

62. Esther Gregg. By Societies of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

63. Mrs. Ethie B. McKeown. By Claysville Junior Missionary Society.

64. Mrs. E. M. Hill. Pittsburgh, Pa.

65. Mrs. Isabella Herron Jamison. By Women's Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

66. William J. E. McLain. By Anna M. L. McLain, Claysville, Pa.

67. Anna Y. Thompson. By Muskingum Presbyterial.

68. Mrs. Ada Reber, of Warsaw, Indiana.

69. Mrs. Jennie McLean. By her daughters, Mrs. Martha Scott and Mary L. McLean, in commemoration of Philadelphia Presbyterial's Golden Jubilee.

70. R. Elizabeth Milligan. By her sister, Anna A. Milligan, Sterling, Kans.

71. Mrs. Jane Carson McCoy. By her children, Philadelphia, Pa.

72. Mrs. Mary MacLeod Newlands. By Mary MacLeod Newlands' Y.W.M.S., Philadelphia, Pa.

73. Florence White. By Philadelphia Presbyterial.

74. Mrs. H. C. Campbell. By members of the Women's Board of Directors.

75. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gordon. By their daughter, Ella M. Gordon, Pattersonville, N. Y.

76. Mrs. W. T. Johnston. By her daughter, Jennie Johnston, Oxford, O.

77. Mrs. Thomas B. Turnbull. By the Wynnefield W.M.S., Philadelphia, Pa.

78. Mrs. Mary I. Grimes. By W.M.S. of Claysville, Pa.

79. Mrs. Martin Prenter, of Los Angeles, Calif. By Wm. H. and Mary P. Duff.

80. Mrs. H. W. Crabbe, of Los Angeles, Calif. By Alice, Ida and Omah Woods.

REPORT OF

American Indian Missions

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

AS we gather in the reports of our work for the past year there is a mingling of joy and disappointment, of sunshine and shadow, but we "thank God and take courage," trusting Him with results. The missionaries have felt the influence of the prayers of God's people in their difficult tasks, and with a dauntless faith serve Him devotedly.

The annual contribution toward the support of Religious Educational Directors for Government Indian Schools was sent to the Council of Women for Home Missions, a worthy object, for as Bishop Burleson truly said, "Every race in the end must be elevated by its own leadership."

The Secretary had the privilege of attending a seminar in Washington, D. C., January 5-6, 1939, in which Commissioner John Collier and other members of the Indian Bureau spoke of what the Government was trying to do in giving educational, economic, and medical opportunities, and of the obstacles in the way. These meetings proved helpful and informing and showed the need of better cooperation between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Missionary Boards.

WARM SPRINGS, OREGON

The regular services were conducted throughout the year; Sabbath School on Sabbath mornings, preaching for the older Indians Sabbath afternoons, regular preaching service for everyone Sabbath evenings, and a Y.P.C.U. meeting on Wednesday evenings. Added to this is a Bible study class started last Fall and meeting every Friday evening. This is attended by some of the interested white people of the Agency.

The year has not been without its disappointments and heartaches. While some of the services have been growing in attendance others have lapsed behind. We regret that the boys at the school dormitory have placed their interest in worldly amusements on the Sabbath day. It is especially hard to compete with these conditions where the children are not under parental supervision.

Again this year we note the loss of several who have quite regularly attended our services. We miss these dear friends. The Missionary took part in eight funerals.

To off-set the disappointments we are glad to report that we had eight infant baptisms, of course these being the children of believing parents, and one adult baptism. Two adults were received on profession of faith. One of these made re-profession upon her death-bed. A total of 505 calls was made during the year. Eight marriages were performed.

Two weeks before Christmas we were fortunate to have Dr. R. Francis Hall of the First Church in Portland with us to hold a week of meetings. Blessings were received by both the Indians and whites who attended these services. One young man voluntarily, without even the invitation, came to Dr. Hall and made profession of Christ as his Saviour.

The Ladies' Aid has been active throughout the year. When the fire raged over the Reservation last summer these ladies, with the help of some of the Indian girls, made up twenty comforters and gave to those who suffered loss by the fire. We appreciate the help The Aid has given the Indians and also that which it has given to the Mission.

We received an unusual number of boxes for The Aid and for the Indians throughout the year and especially at Christmas time. We extend our sincere thanks again to those who had this work at heart.

Sustaining power has been given to us by Him who said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." We have felt the influence of prayer this year in the work, and we know that many of you have been praying for this work. We beseech thee not to forsake us in these trying days.

E. W. Machamer.

SIMNASHO, OREGON

"THE YEAR'S RETROSPECT"

A retrospect is a kind of airplane view of the field. We do not see the dark stains and scars so much because they are blended into the landscape. The bareness and grimness escapes the notice that a close-up view shows. Taking this view of Simnasho this past church year, we see that, in spite of many deaths and in spite of outbreaking sin and crime, in spite of obstinate adherence to tribal superstition (retrogression in many cases), in spite of much disease and illness—yet—the color of faithfulness and sacrifice and loving service is easily discerned and the increasing "knowledge of the Lord covering the face of the earth." Many portions and gospels have been given out and are eagerly received.

Statistics tell but a part. The more than two hundred calls in the homes tell only a small part of the story of evangelism. In groups, two-by-two, and singly the Indians meet us in the home and in the post office. They sit and visit and watch our faces and learn our ways and absorb the atmosphere of a Christian home. Now that the people have grown to trust us and our sincerity we frequently speak to them, while in our home, of Jesus Christ and what He means to us and what He wants to do for them.

An average of twenty-nine at church service would be a poor report to a city church, but very good when we consider the long distances over usually bad roads, and poor transportation by horse-driven vehicle or horseback or by rickety car or by walking across the fields with babies on the back and children at the feet. If you consider the illness of the people during the shut-in months then the number does not seem so inconsiderable.

An addition of five young people to the number of baptized ones would seem to an average church but a small gain; but, when you think of the cost to these boys and girls in coming out from the world—in ridicule and opposition, then the thing seems indifferent.

There is an acknowledgement that the Misisonary wishes to make: Never have we seen such unmasked deviltry shown as in the pseudo-counterfeit religions that are propagated more and more openly among the Indians. And on the other hand, never have we felt such near and personal contact with the Spirit of God in power and vision.

Two factors work for the Mission—Time and Death. The time is coming, and we can see it coming, when the knowledge of the English language and the ability to read shall have become about universal instead of partial. We depend on the public school system which the government is promoting for this knowledge. Death has been busy in our midst, taking half a score or more of our older and also of our middle-aged Indians. Death preaches a sermon from which no one can run away.

We ask for the prayers of God's people in combatting this dreadful curse of alcohol and also that the "veil be taken away."

We wish to thank our friends for the spiritual support given at all times, and also for the kind donations that have helped to make our work possible.

E. H. Carson.

TAMA, IOWA

A year ago we were looking forward to the meeting of the National Convention of the Y.P.C.U. at Ames, Iowa. Now we are looking forward expectantly to the National Convention of the W.G.M.S. at Grinnell, Iowa, only twenty-five miles from us. It is a real privilege to have these national gatherings of our Church near enough for our people to share in their blessings.

We lost the help of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Masemore of Tama, as volunteer teachers in our Sabbath School. Failing to find other helpers we were not able to have Sabbath School during the winter. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of a few who are always at church. The Elizabeth Campbell Missionary Circle has had a good year. The membership is not large, but the attendance has been regular, having an average attendance of eight. Their annual report shows an increase of one member, also an increase in the Thank Offering and in other contributions.

The greatest encouragement of the year has been the increase in the number of children enrolled in the Bible classes at the Government school, an increase from forty to seventy-seven this year, the school enrollment is eighty-four and only seven children from four homes are not enrolled in our Bible classes. Pray that these four parents may be willing to sign the request required by the Government and pray that we may be guided by God's Spirit to use well this opportunity among the children. We have been granted by the Government authorities a much more advantageous time for these classes—all of Monday afternoon. We appreciate the cooperation of the parents and of the Government employees in this work at the Government school.

Last September Pearl Bear and Ella Davenport expressed a desire to attend Bible School at Boone, Iowa. The hearty encouragement and gifts from members of the Synod of Iowa opened the way for them to enter the Boone school immediately after Synod. Other gifts have come for this purpose and we thank all of you, and this has encouraged the girls to apply for entrance to Sterling College next September. This is the first time any one of this tribe has made an effort to secure a Christian education.

Donations have not diminished during the year, the demand for baby clothes and quilt patches is constant, but the supply has been sufficient. We are especially grateful for the Christmas donations, which included a share in the "showers" of two presbyterials. For the first time we were able to give a Christmas package to every family on the Reservation. There were towels, wash cloths, and soap enough for every family. Where there were children, the family package contained dolls and toys also.

When visiting all the homes in December to leave a Christian Service calendar and to invite all to the Christmas service at the Mission the way opened to have Bible reading and prayer in forty-five of the eighty homes. About seven hundred fifty calls were made in the homes during the year.

At the Sanitorium we call on the Protestant patients each Sabbath afternoon. One night George Shwano had a hemorrhage and asked the nurse to call me. George was a Christian before he came to the Sanitorium, and during the years he had been there he read his Bible consistently, also a score of the religious books provided us by the Moody Colportage Association. When I went to him that night I could see that he was troubled, he was almost too weak to speak but I caught one word—"sins." I led him to confess to God whatever was on his heart and to believe the promise that it was forgiven. Then he said, "Now I am not afraid to die." After that expression of faith there came to him a peace and quiet. When I went to visit him the next day he had his Testament open on the stand beside his bed, the next time it was under his pillow, after that it was clasped in both hands over his heart. Hardly strong enough to read it he kept it ever near him. It was worth much to be used of God to help someone prepare for eternity.

There have been great disappointments during the year, but as we have been counting our blessings we have been led anew to see how faithful is our God. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

F. C. Patterson.

McKINLEY INDIAN MISSION

Yakima, Washington

This is the name of our new Indian mission among the Yakima, (Washington) Indians under the able leadership of Mr. Edward J. Sam, a native evangelist. After patient waiting the faithful little group have now a house of worship. The Home Mission Committee of Puget Sound Presbytery purchased for the Women's Board a building, formerly the McKinley Grange Hall, about four miles west of Toppenish, Washington, for our new mission building. It was dedicated on February 5, 1939, with appropriate services. Rev. G. G. Wilson preached on the text, "Upon this Rock will I build My Church." The Indians have expressed their gratitude to their "White Friends" for the prayers, money and love they have shown to them.

They want to have an organized Church and many families have expressed their desire to unite with it. The services are well attended, testimonies given, and the song service an inspiration. Since the Indians come such long distances, at noon a hot dinner is served, and Christian fellowship enjoyed. Visitors are welcomed to these services and many from various churches have visited the Mission.

Mr. Sam reports 552 calls made, and 18,360 miles traveled in his visits to Indian homes. The distances are great, even Mr. Sam himself must travel 20 miles to the Mission from his home. During the hop harvest in September, the tent was used for meetings each night for a month.

With six of his workers Mr Sam went on a "war path" for two weeks, not against flesh and blood, he says, but against sin. They were not armed with scalping knives, "tommy-hawks" and bows and arrows, but with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

We covet the prayers of our readers for this work and for those who are bravely "carrying on" in this hard field of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Arthur B. McBride,
Secretary.

REPORT OF

Negro Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

As the Board of American Missions gives up much of the grade school work, the Women's Board assumes it, and at present supports all but one of the Alabama missions.

That the Negro is not a vanishing race is evidenced by the fact that there is one for every tenth man in America—many of whom, through the ministrations of our missions, have risen to positions of importance. The missions, under the direction of our United Presbyterian Church, are responsible for approximately 2,000 loyal members of our denomination—who first gave themselves, and out of their deep poverty "abounded unto the riches of their liberality" as shown by their liberal contributions to the Church Budget.

The schools report a larger enrollment than for many years; dormitories have been filled with students, who, if not Christians when they enter, are, through the Evangelistic services which are held at each station, converted and join the church of their choice—many coming into our own communion.

The schools are all graduating large classes this year. Knoxville College will confer degrees on 50, the largest number ever receiving degrees from that institution.

No new buildings have been erected by the board this year, though many expensive repairs were imperative. Through the N.Y.A., a long needed auditorium is under construction at Miller's Ferry. This improvement not only fills a long felt need, but brings 50 additional boys and girls into our school who receive the religious and educational training which has been lacking in their lives.

During the year, we were saddened by the deaths of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson, who, after 42 years of service to their own people, passed to higher service, where "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

THYNE INSTITUTE

Chase City, Va.

As the year draws to its close, we look back over its experiences with grateful hearts. We recognize God's goodness manifested in so many ways, and thank Him for His countless blessings.

Because of their mildness, the winter months were unusually favorable for school work. So the average daily attendance was splendid.

There was a large increase in the enrollment of the first two High School classes. This made the teachers' work heavier than usual. There was some sickness among the teachers, and this added to the teacher load. So it has been a very busy year for us.

In the main the conduct of the students has been commendable. We are thankful that there were no serious cases of discipline. Their church attendance has been regular and their interest in young people's work has been unusually good. We have two young people's societies—Pioneers and Pathfinders. It was at the children's request that the former organization was formed.

At the close of our recent meetings, six children and young people made a profession of their faith in Christ. Four of these united with our congregation and two will unite with Baptist churches.

We are pleased to report an enrollment of forty-eight in the boarding department. This is a substantial gain over last year. Mrs. Seright and Mrs. Gaines have given the girls splendid care, and excellent training in home duties. No part of their work here will prove more valuable in after years. Recently a woman in New York City wrote me expressing her appreciation for what the boarding and the sewing departments did for her while she was here. She is doing dressmaking for some of the richest people in that city. She is not only well prepared for her work, but she is outstanding as a religious worker.

Mr. E. K. Jones, a Knoxville graduate, is Superintendent of the boys' dormitory and is also athletic director. In addition he has five periods of teaching. He is proving himself efficient in all departments. He manages the boys skillfully and interests them in religious things as well as in athletic sports. We have never had a more contented set of boys than we have had this year.

Mrs. Couch has continued her work in sewing with the girls in the elementary grades. A number of these girls—and some of them are not small girls—knew nothing about sewing at the beginning of the year. They could not even thread a needle. Most of them have made splendid progress. Quite a number of these girls will drop out before they reach High School. So we consider sewing for these girls a very important part of our school work. It is something that they would never get if we did not give it to them.

Miss Anna Rutherford returned to Thyne Institute last Fall to take charge of the Home Economics Department of the High School. Knowing her efficiency, we were glad to have her return. I will allow her to express her views of her department:

"Now that much of the year's work is history, I am as grateful as I was last September, when unexpectedly asked to resume Home Economics teaching at Thyne Institute. The girls enrolled in this department are better off for having taken courses in sewing, clothing, foods and health. It should make them better helpers at home and in the homes where they may seek enployment. However, we believe it will do more for them years hence when they have built on these foundations for the better operation of their own homes.

"We like to think of being linked with Bible teaching and character foundation as stressed in Thyne Institute, for 'Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that built it.' In all of our presentation of facts we seek to build on the Rock, Jesus Christ.

"We are thankful because our girls are likable and receptive, willing to cooperate, and to appreciate acquired skills.

"The physical conditions throughout the year are reasons for gratitude in that with reasonable equipment we could work uninterrupted by epidemics or disaster. The fellowship in service with others so engaged, or in directing the work from afar, has been an inspiration.

The achievements in undertakings, whether in the laboratory or for the laboratory, have been encouraging. We work at a disadvantage in not having laboratory materials unless we provide them or produce them. The food sales have, therefore, served a two-fold function. They gave opportunity for practice and there was some remuneration for the department.

"One feels that the year is too short. The work of preparing homemakers has only begun. We would like to follow it up and see what use is made of the knowledge acquired, but we may never know the fruitage of the planting. It is ours to be faithful, whatever the conditions, and leave the results to the Lord of the harvest, who sent us into His field to work for Him, to Whom be all praise for His multiplied blessings."

I wish to thank the Women's Board for the hearty support of all of its workers during the year. We are now anxiously looking forward to a visit from two of your representatives. We wish that all of the members could visit us and see what we are endeavoring to do.

F. W. Wilson.

HENDERSON INSTITUTE

Henderson, N. C.

I am very sorry to say that Miss Warren has not been so very well during this school session, though she has not lost any time from her work. She has been with us about thirty years and has rendered splendid service. We are hoping that she may be able to serve many years more.

Miss Warren has made some physical improvements in her department: changing and remodeling the sink; putting down linoleum on the floor, painting the walls, and other minor improvements. In connection with her regular classes she has prepared meals for the unmarried teachers who are living in the buildings. This gives not only practical experience in cooking but also in preparing meals for a family. At the present time seven are taking meals, which makes about the number for an ordinary family.

The congregation at Bovina, New York, wrote Miss Warren that the members were going to "shower" her department. That has not yet materialized, but we are hoping it may, either this Spring or early in the Fall. Just what this shower means we do not know but we appreciate the interest and efforts of others in our work however great or small.

Mr. Harris, our Duke representative, was very much pleased with our report for the past year. Collections as a whole were better than the year before and we also had more patients with fewer deaths.

Last week we were wondering if we had to take a part of the hospital for an old folks' home. We had an old man of about 70 sent in for treatment of his heart. After he stayed here a month, making much improvement, he was discharged. His family was notified to come for him. After waiting a week or more, the Welfare Officer advised to send him home. He was then carried to his daughter's house. She could not take him as her husband had only two days' work each week, with a family to support. Then the old man was carried to his son's house where he stayed before he came to the hospital. That night the landlord called and wanted to know who authorized me to send the old man on him as this son had been sick and he could not feed and clothe him. The next morning a car stopped at the hospital door long enough to put the old man out. The daughter consented to take the old man after the Welfare Officer promised to get a pension for him in a month. We had no little task getting the old man to leave the hospital again. It is just as hard to get some of the old people to leave the hospital as it is to persuade others to come here.

Each week-end we are kept busy with cuts and wounds of various kinds. We treated 491 patients during the past week, with a stay of 5,810 days. 1,746 were full pay days at an average of $1.50 per day. 1,679 were part pay days; 2,375 were free days. There were 137 major operations, 115 minor operations and 46 deliveries.

Mrs. Dungee, the matron of the girls, reports as follows: "We have had a few more girls in the dormitory this term than we had last term. Some of these girls are from rural sections, but most of them are from cities, and their parents have sent them here because they feel that the school has more to offer than the city public school. We have tried throughout the term to supervise the work, play, and religious life of these girls in such a way as to better fit them for service.

"Perhaps the most outstanding fact concerning the girls is this: all of the girls in the dormitory were professed Christians and church members with the exception of two. In a ten-day meeting in November these two girls, Vernice Lowery and Beulah Graves, professed Christ, were baptized and joined the church.

"I hope that I have given you an idea of our work and I trust that our efforts here from time to time will merit your interest and prayers."

Miss Reaves, a County employee, works in the school. Her classroom instruction includes: Making surroundings attractive; personal grooming; clothing selection; clothing construction; budgeting the clothing money; maintaining family health.

Many interesting experiments are being carried on. Both the girls in the school and women in their clubs are showing signs of marked improvement along many lines.

You will note that this department is separate and distinct from Miss Warren's department and has been equipped largely by the county. We feel that the addition to this department means a good deal to the students and we hope that we shall be able to cooperate with the county and State another year.

J. A. Cotton.

CAMDEN ACADEMY

Camden, Alabama

Camden Academy has had a very enjoyable and successful school session this year, from practically every angle.

Our enrollment for the year is 344, with an average attendance of 285, and a percentage of 89. Of this number, 32 live in the surrounding dormitories; 20 girls and 12 boys. The remainder come from the surrounding communities. Some of them walk as far as five miles to attend school.

There are 21 students on the campus who are working their own way through school; 12 boys and nine girls. Four of these boys have secured work in the community, and eight work here on the campus. All the girls who work, work on the campus, and earn at least half of their expenses. All the work about the school is done by students, thus making it possible to help many who otherwise would be unable to attend school.

Our Parent-Teacher Association has been reorganized this year, and many projects are afoot to improve the campus and surroundings. Recently, this organization has affiliated with the national organization, that we might be able to secure material for the continuance of the work. These meetings have done much to foster a better spirit and understanding between parent and teacher, thus enabling both to cooperate for the welfare of the child.

This year we have particularly encouraged programs, that the pupils might get training and in order that certain information about our holidays and historical events be emphasized. As a result, we have had programs celebrating Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Christmas, National Negro Health Week, National Negro History Week, Easter, and numerous other programs rendered by various classes. In all of these programs, the children were the main participants.

Physicial education has not been neglected. Our football team has had a full schedule; basketball was played by both boys and girls this year, who ended their season by attending the tournament held at Snow Hill Institute on March 11. These exercises provided good, wholesome exercise, that we find necessary for school-age children.

Our church work has not lagged this year. A membership drive did much to increase our Sabbath School enrollment. Both the Sabbath School and the Y.P.C.U. were well represented at the annual Y.P.C.U. and Sabbath School Convention, held at Miller's Ferry. We were happy that we won a debate at the convention, and also that our representative won second place in a Bible Reading Contest. A very beautiful pageant, "The Thankful Heart," was presented by our Missionary Society on Thank Offering Day. From our student body, we have had many converts and several new church members.

This year we were again hostess to the Teachers' Convention of the county, and to the Famers' Conference. We were fortunate again in having a member of our school win first place in the Oratorical Contest held by the Conference.

Camden Academy also entered the Annual Musical Contest, and was awarded second place for the music rendered by the group. We plan to enter the Academic Meet held at State College in Montgomery. Pupils from schools all over the state enter this meet, and hitherto we have been successful in bringing away honors. This year, we are sending four representatives. We are also sending a group of singers, by request, to Selma University to participate in their Founders' Day Program. In addition to the group of singers, a representative from the Senior class will deliver an oration.

The Senior Orations were another project for the year. Each member of the graduating class presented an original oration before the student body. These orations were exceptionally good, and showed the result of their four years' training.

We have received this year, as other years, many donations, boxes, and gifts from various organizations and individuals, for which we are very grateful. They have contributed much to the success of our school year.

We are now busy with closing activities. There are 17 members in the Senior Class, and everything now centers around their graduation and the operettas that will be presented by the grammar grades

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Peoples.

MILLER'S FERRY

Alabama

We are nearing the close of another very successful school year. This has been a very moderate winter, and our attendance has been better than usual.

Our students stood well in competition with other schools this year. At our Sabbath School and Young People's Convention, we won first place in the Bible Story contest, and tied in Bible Reading. In the countywide "Songfest" our high school singers won first place. The same group won in the district contest, which included several counties, which gave them the opportunity to sing at the state capital.

Our Junior boys' basketball team won the countywide tournament, and the girls won second place. As a whole we have had a very successful year in football and basketball, winning the majority of the games. Above all, our aim is to teach our youth how to play the game of life.

We were pleased to have the Misses Turk and House, who are foreign missionaries, visit us.

This year we have been able to add more books to the library, and also new equipment to the science laboratory. We also appreciate the equipment the Knoxville College donated us.

We have long needed an auditorium. Now we are busy erecting one. This work is being done by a group of NYA boys. In this group of NYA boys and girls, many of them have never had an opportunity to attend school, which means that this is a wonderful opportunity for them.

The Vocational and Home Economics departments are doing splendid work in the community. The boys and girls are doing project work under the instruction of these teachers. The young men are taught farming, stock raising and general repair work around their homes.

The young ladies are taught housekeeping, chicken raising, preparing and serving meals, and the practical things that will prepare them for life.

Mrs. N. J. Bonner, the girls' matron, reports an enrollment of 57 girls. These girls have an opportunity to learn much; they are taught how to care for their rooms and do laundry work properly.

We want to take another opportunity to thank the good people in the North for sending such nice Christmas toys, clothing for both children and grown-ups, and other things, which were much needed and appreciated.

Mrs. C. W. Williams reports a successful and profitable year in the plain sewing department. She has been able to do more work this year, because some of the good women of the North have sent material to work with, such as needles, thread, patches and cloth. Again she is thanking those for this needed material. The small girls took great pains in making the quilt blocks from the patches. The larger girls made dresses out of the cloth.

The girls are not only taught cleanliness and neatness in dress, but how to do plain sewing, patching, darning and remodeling.

Miss F. O. Parker has had a successful year as head of the boarding department. During the past Summer, with the help of two girls, she canned more than five hundred quarts of fruit and vegetables.

She has been able to buy new parts to the stove, and many new cooking utensils, and also dishes for the dining room.

Miss M. L. Jones, Superintendent of the Hospital, has had a very busy year. There have been a large number of office patients for dressings and first-aid treatment. There have also been many hospital patients.

We have only had one death in the hospital this year. This was a nine-year-old boy who died with the lockjaw.

There is a great demand for student nurses; we often have to refuse them on account of the class work.

N. D. Williams.

ARLINGTON LITERARY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Annemanie, Ala.

We have come to the close of another year of service for our Master. We are thankful to Him for keeping the doors open to our people, here at Annemanie, who are poor, oppressed and underprivileged. We feel honored for having had the opportunity of working with them for Him. We have had the largest number of students attending school this year that we have had for many years. Many of them walk from six to eight miles to get to school. Never before have we reached out so far for day students. This is partly due to a Soil Conservation Program that is being put over by our Vocational teacher and the boys in that department. Their work takes them out on the various plantations, and next year more come to school. This has also done much to enhance the interest of the landlords in our work and in creating a good feeling. The Home Economics teacher has done her part in making a lively Mothers' Club, which has reached the largest number in the history of our school. The women cut and sew and make their own clothes, and wherever they go they advertise our work and show that it is worth-while.

We are also seeing a more hearty cooperation in our community for the good of our work. Parents are not only interested in education, but in a Christian education. They are keeping their children in school here until they finish and sending them on to some other school. Nothing has had a better effect upon our work than our old students returning from college and going to work near us. This has encouraged both patrons and children, and also teachers as well.

The Christian work of our school has been put first. Besides the Church, Prayer meeting, Sabbath School and Christian Societies, each student is taught the Bible every school day.

We can see that the life of the community is being lifted. While it is not all that we would like to have it, thank the Lord, it is better. The moral tone of the neighborhood is much higher than in former years.

We closed the year here and at Prairie with splendid revivals.

R. P. Williams.

CAMDEN, CANTON BEND AND MILLER'S FERRY CONGREGATIONS

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the work of the year. His presence and blessings have attended us each day. We also are grateful to our friends in the Church, who remembered us with gifts, sharing our labors by the cheer and encouragement they gave us, and lifting many burdens for these needy people and inspiring them with hope.

We took no vacation during the last Summer but remained on the field trying to push the work through the hot season. We observed Children's Day, and our Annual Church and Sabbath School picnics and our Vacation Bible Schools.

Rally Day was carefully planned for and went off nicely. We conducted our membership drives for the ten weeks with more or less success which resulted in enlarged enrollments for our Sabbath Schools and stimulated Church attendance.

The Annual Financial Rally for the Budget is largely in the hands of the Schools with the church membership doing its best. All our Budget pledges were met.

Our Evangelistic Campaigns were perhaps the best we have yet had. We were fortunate in securing able evangelists, our preparations were very thoroughly made, by organization of prayer groups and workers, and enlisting Presbyterial Prayer Groups of our Church. Some fifty-five or sixty took a definite stand for Christ. The spiritual tone of the congregations has been deepened. In fact it has been one of the most satisfactory year's work of our long ministry. We bow in humble gratefulness to God in Christ Jesus who sent forth his Spirit to take the things of Christ and show them unto us.

D. F. White.

PRAIRIE MISSION

Prairie, Alabama

The annual report means that we are to give account of our stewardship. What has been given into our custody? What have we accomplished? To the first question I can very promptly answer that we have been given every essential for which we have asked the Board. The interest shown by members of the Board and by missionary societies throughout the church has been encouraging. Many societies and individuals have sent gifts for which we are truly thankful. We have felt the presence of God in our work through the whole year.

It has been our privilege to feel responsible in part for the training of a hundred and thirty-four children in the day school, seventy-five in the Sabbath School, and to go out and in among the families represented in our church membership of eighty-one.

We have been comfortably housed and surrounded by the mission property, which stands as a monument to the years of sacrifice and devotion to a great cause. We have put quite a bit of energy into the upkeep of this property. Mr. McCall is somewhat gifted in the art of repairing and beautifying and has been a valuable asset to our little faculty. Effort is being made to train the children in the use and care of property, and I believe a record has been made this year, for not a single window pane has been broken.

The domestic arts department has prepared and served dinner each school day for the teachers and has made candy and other dainties, from the sale of which screen doors and kitchen utensils have been bought. The Mothers' club had been promised a social for the part they took in our annual rally. They were gracious enough to permit the money which might have been used for their pleasure, to be used to purchase paint for the kitchen.

It has been our good fortune to have in service here two of our own girls, I might almost say my own children, who finished our course and the senior high school course at Millers Ferry. They are Miss Eloise Brown, now a graduate of Knoxville College, teacher of fifth and sixth grades, and Miss Jeanette Steele, teacher of third and fourth grades and music, who is pursuing her college work during the summers.

Mrs. Martha J. Taylor, an experienced teacher and missionary of the U. S. A. church has had charge of our primary department and juniors. Mrs. Peters has charge of the domestic arts department and the Mothers' club. There has been a willingness on the part of all to make sacrifices of time, labor and money for the good of the work. Our annual rally brought in $234.52 and the women raised $18.84 for the Thank Offering.

Revival meetings were held in March. Seven were added to our church and several others were converted and promised to unite with the church of their choice. Rev. Williams was assisted in the meetings by the Rev. James Fisher.

William Peters.

NEGRO MISSIONS

April 16 1938 to April 15, 1939

Credit Balance, April 15, 1938		$ 1,162.08
Receipts		
By Presbyterials	$ 7,477.20	
By 1937 Thank Offering	15,050.00	

By Transfers	4,559.58	
		$27,086.78
Total Receipts		$28,248.86
Total Disbursements		27,060.38
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939		$ 1,188.48

DUKE ENDOWMENT

April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939

Credit Balance, April 15, 1938	$ 4,756.06
Disbursed for Jubilee Hospital	4,080.07
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939	$ 675.99

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson.

REPORT OF

Home Missions Department

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939.

Re-claiming, Mal. 3:17.
"And they shall be mine."

WORKERS in the following missions are helping to fulfill that promise.

There has been little change in the set up, as we still have but five missionaries among the Aliens located in three states, namely—three in Pennsylvania, one each in Rhode Island and New York. Also a missionary in each of the following presbyteries, Allegheny, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Puget Sound.

These nine missionaries make a survey of the sections in which they are located, then follow this up with frequent visits to the homes where there are children for the Sabbath School and prospects for the church. The missionaries organize Sabbath Schools where none exist, act as Superintendents, teach, sponsor Y. P. C. U.'s and all missionary societies, organizing such where none exist. Often conduct all the services in connection with the work, except administering the ordinances of baptism and communion. They do conduct funerals, but do not perform marriage ceremonies. Many of these missionaries, in addition to their regular duties, have made more than one thousand calls, traveling by foot. Travel a day with one of our missionaries, who in walking sixty-two blocks was only admitted to four homes. Go into sections of our cities where people have no God, not even a heathen God, where women are afraid to open the door in answer to a knock, and will say, before the missionary has time to utter a word, "I don't know anything;" fearing the police are searching for some one. When the missionary is not able to get a response, a Gospel leaflet, with a church card, is left, and that sometimes opens the door for the next visit.

Through the ministry of these nine missionaries, many have heard the Gospel message and have become sincere followers of Christ. Children of many nationalities have been taught to know and love the Lord.

Bibles, New Testament, portions of Scripture and many leaflets were given, wherever accepted. Many new families have been brought in to the missions or churches, thus making an increase in all the departments. Forty-five additions to the church were reported.

Mrs. John Ferguson, long active in Christian work, and now living in Los Angeles, has been appointed missionary for Los Angeles Presbytery, to succeed Miss Ruth Findley (a member of the convention) and who has resigned, her resignation to take effect June 30th. We most heartily welcome Mrs. Ferguson to our ranks, and will watch her work with interest.

In addition to the above named missions, the work for The Mountain People at Ezel and Frenchburg, Ky., is also under this department.

EZEL, KENTUCKY

The School.

All class rooms have been taxed to capacity, with one hundred and sixty in High School and one hundred and ten in the grades. Twelve will graduate from High School in May. The new library, with its fine line of books, is meeting a long felt need both in the school and the community.

The Congregation.

There was one accession by profession, but many re-dedications of life. Two Bible Schools are conducted by the members of the faculty on Sabbath afternoons, in outlying districts. These are increasing in attendance and interest. The plan is to keep these going during the vacation months.

Clothing Department.

We are grateful for the many donations received. More could have been used. Remember this department.

After serving in the Ezel Mission, as both pastor and general superintendent for almost nine years, Rev. Ray M. Davis is leaving the first of July, having been appointed Synodical Superintendent of Missions of Second Synod. Mr. William Heagen, who has been a member of the Ezel faculty for four years, has been appointed general superintendent of the school and other work, aside from that of the church. A pastor is to be chosen to give full time, with the exception of teaching Bible in the school, to the church work. It is with much regret that we bid farewell to Mr. Davis and family, who have spent so much time and effort in building up the school and church. His friends are many. May they have God's richest blessing in their new field of service.

FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY

Numerous repairs have been made in the various buildings, thus making them not only more pleasing to the eye, but adding to the comfort of the occupants.

The most important change has been in having a full time pastor, one to give his entire time to the church work and its different activities.

Rev. J. M. McMains formerly of Mercer Presbytery has been the pastor since the middle of October. Two members were received by profession and four by certificate. Six were removed by certificate, so the membership remains the same as last year. Four new elders were elected. Total contributions—$1308.

The hospital cared for ninety-eight patients for five hundred and seven hospital days. The hospital is limited in its ministry by the lack of a resident physician.

The two dormitories have cared for forty-six girls and twenty-two boys. Morning and evening worship is conducted and grace is offered at every meal. The dormitory students are required to attend morning and evening services on the Sabbath, Sabbath School and Y.P.C.U.

The organizations within the church are—Sabbath School, Women's, Young Women's and Junior Missionary Societies, Young People's Christian Union and Intermediate Society.

We have come to the close of the year's work. All our workers have been kept in health, for which we give thanks. Just now they are scattering to their different homes for the summer's rest.

We bespeak your prayers for the ministers of Frenchburg and Ezel, who will not have the burden of supervising the schools and all the work in connection with the missions, but are there to give their full time to the work as a pastor. Pray that they may be instrumental in bringing many into the Fold.

To all who have contributed scholarships of seventy-five dollars per year, thus enabling many boys and girls to have the advantages of an education in a Christian school, to Philadelphia presbyterial for the salary of the nurse in the Frenchburg hospital, to the Home Missionary Society of the First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, for the contribution to the salary of a music teacher, and the J. C. Buck Memorial Fund of one thousand dollars, the income going to the support of students in the Frenchburg dormitory we give our thanks.

Your contributions of the above and also of the second hand clothing have helped to make this work possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

By Presbyterials	$18,391.03
By 1937 Thank Offering	10,000.00
By Transfers	2,754.08
Disbursements	35,844.48

Mal. 3:17. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I come to make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

What are you doing to help fulfill this promise? Will you help by your prayers and increased offerings that more workers may be sent to the neglected areas at our very doors?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wm. S. Cook.

CRANSTON, R. I., ITALIAN MISSION

As I make out this report and live over again these twelve months, I feel the need to bow in gratitude before God who with His Divine Hand has graciously led us through difficulties and joys and has given us the grace to serve Him.

A three hour Bible Study was conducted for seven weeks during the summer with an average attendance of twenty-five.

A Special Junior Thank Offering Service was held with several of the Juniors taking part. There was an increase over last year's offering. The Juniors completed the study of two Mission books, "The Uplift," a Home Mission study and "Shera of the Punjab," of India.

The Sabbath School gave two very impressive religious pageants for Christmas and Easter. Many of the parents attending. Some who had never come to the Mission before.

During March, two weeks Evangelistic services were conducted by the Reverend Mr. Zucchi, and myself, in the homes where the results were most beneficial. Special services were held during Passion Week. On Good Friday thirty-seven of the older boys and girls met for one hour of prayer and meditation. The silence and devotion of that hour is certainly commendable.

The weekday classes were conducted regularly throughout the year, making progress in things of the Spirit as well as in material things.

It is not necessary to take much time in explaining the fact that the influence of the Mission is increasing and that the opposition of the Roman Church has never ceased. In fact it has become stronger. Because of this opposition our "Women's Group" has suffered the past few months, fearing persecution.

Four new families were gained during the year. There has been an increase in all classes. The Sabbath School numbers 120; Junior Missionary Society, 51; and the Pioneer Y. P. C. U., 22.

We went through many difficulties; not only through opposition and indifference, but through the hurricane, much sickness and a great need for clothing, but God has lovingly accompanied us through it all.

We have had the joy of seeing the lives of several of our boys and girls changed and gradually blossoming into the Christian life. We earnestly pray that they may continue a living testimony in their homes and that many in Cranston may come to know and love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have had the loyal and untiring support of Mr. Zucchi throughout the year, also the visits of several of the ministers of our Presbytery. We are greatly indebted to those who have supported us with their prayer and gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary J. Zucchi.

WEST 44TH STREET

New York, N. Y.

May I share with you one or two of the experiences I have had with the children during the past year?

My one purpose here is to bring boys and girls into a definite conscious relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. In doing this, there is nothing I enjoy more than teaching the children to pray; and yet I cannot really teach them. However, if He just uses me to say something that will help to bring them into God's presence, His Spirit teaches them to pray.

One time after a very wonderful prayer time, when we were all just lifted out of ourselves, I was so impressed with their power in prayer that I asked the group, "Who taught you to pray?" The reply was "God." Yes it was God, and I was so happy they answered as they did. A few years ago I might have thought that I did, I knew then that I could not have done so, for they were really teaching me.

One of my Juniors, a little Greek girl, twelve years of age, who had been in our communicants' class for some time, had in her prayer, really given her heart to Jesus. This was in the afternoon just preceding the Junior meeting. Then she and I went into the playground and found the devil turned loose in all his fury, as is always the case when Jesus is being enthroned in some heart. I have never seen such anger and such temper as I then beheld, and it was all against this little Greek girl. But she had accepted Jesus, and she showed herself to be a real Christian. When things did not get any better, she and I and one of the boys, a real little Christian, went in to pray it through. And how we did pray. Soon the other children began to wander in and sit down in the circle with us, and we continued to pray. It was a wonderful experience. Nearly all were in tears before we finished. I now praise God for the experience, for the sake of each child that was present.

"Lord, who am I to teach the Way,
To little children day by day,
So prone myself to go astray?
Lord if their guide I still must be,
Oh, let the little children see
The teacher leaning hard on thee."

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Geyer.

SECOND ITALIAN

Pittsburgh, Pa.

There has been no marked change in the routine work of our church during the year.

We are happy to report that a Spiritual growth has been in evidence in our Young People's Society. Their work stands out as a fine example of growth both spiritually and in the good attendance. Fourteen new members have been added to the roll. We feel this is a very worth while training for these young people and hope they will assure the successful progress of the church in its work of tomorrow. Miss Helen McMinn has charge of this society.

The work in the Junior Society of eighteen members has been very gratifying and the attendance good. The Juniors are taught to pray, and we try to develop interest in both home and foreign missions. The Women's Missionary Society, of fourteen members, has been well attended. Our Thank Offering amounted to six dollars.

Our church membership is ninety, with an average attendance at the morning service of forty. Four of our young people united with the church, and two children were baptized.

The Sabbath School attendance has been very good.

Bibles, Testaments and leaflets in the Italian and English languages have been given out, also temperance literature distributed.

The seed is being sown in prayer each day, and we leave the results with the Lord. We ask for your prayers.

Mary Ciancio.

SLOVAN MISSION

Burgettstown, Pa.

The outstanding event of the early part of the year was the Mother and Daughter Banquet. The older girls chorus gave a selection, and a number entitled "Memory's Pictures." The guest speaker was Mrs. Blaine who had taught in the English school for adults, whom the women were delighted to have with us. We also had special music by friends of our Mission, making this a very enjoyable evening for all. This is one way in which we can keep up the interest among the women and the various social affairs through the year help to make their lives brighter.

We are thankful for answered prayer, that we have been able to keep up our women's meetings and an increase in offerings so that we could contribute to the seven departments this year and that one mother, for whom we asked prayer, has been willing for her two daughters to be baptized who will be received into the church this Easter Communion. Four of our Junior girls united with the church at our fall communion.

The attendance has been good at the Sabbath services. We were surely glad to have Miss Sallie Dickey visit our Mission and bring an inspiring message the last Sabbath of November.

There have been many interesting and encouraging features in our young people's work. In the early summer the president of our society attended the presidents' banquet, the expenses being met by other members of the society. Our group took part in two district meetings, and we had four delegates at the fall Rally at Donora. Through the kindness of a friend in the presbyterial, prayer cycles have been provided for all the girls of the Mission Circle and which are used by them in the prayermeetings, thus helping them to lead in public prayer, and are the means of developing the prayer life.

A contest was conducted by the young people during the last two months of the church year, which has proved quite helpful. One point emphasized was meeting their obligations both in the Y. P. C. U. and Girls' Circle, and it surely has been gratifying to see the effort these young people have made to do their part in carrying on the Kingdom work. We are planning to continue the contest which serves as a standard of efficiency for our local work, and hope to do still better next year.

In June we had a special meeting, when two representatives from the Presbyterial visited us. I was happy to have one of our members who is a student in the University, conduct our meeting, which he did very efficiently. This young man is planning to be a teacher, and I'm hopeful the spiritual side will be developed along with the educational, which would mean so much in the future work of our church.

We are thankful that the young married woman, whom we asked to be remembered, has been faithful in her attendance at the midweek meeting, and we ask for your prayers that many others of our girls, who have homes of their own now, will so arrange things that they too, can take time for the Lord's work and enjoy the blessings of His Kingdom in their home life. We also ask you to remember the older young men as they establish homes and others go away to school, that they may be faithful to continue in the things that they have learned, and be faithful in the service of Christ. The forces of evil are great in our town, but Christ's power is stronger, and we look to Him to call these young people out, and deliver them from the power of the evil one, that they may be His witnesses.

We are glad to report six new members in the Bible School, and the amount contributed to all purposes by the Mission is $146.43. Of this amount $70.00 was given to Missions, the remainder for current expenses. The Burgettstown Church furnishes the supplies for the Bible School each year, for which we express our appreciation. We also want to thank the Delaware Presbyterial for their most generous gift, through the Junior exhibit, for the box of toys, dolls, and miscellaneous articles which gave us such a delightful Christmas at the Mission. During the past year there have been sixteen Bibles given to our young people as awards made possible by this same Presbyterial. We are so grateful for all these gifts, and for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. D. Lieske.

WESTLAND MISSION

As we close the door of another year in Westland Church and open the door of the new year we gratefully acknowledge the never failing love, protection and guiding direction of a living God and Father.

This year's routine of activities and experiences at Westland is similar to that of last year. There has been very little work at the mine. Many of our men have not worked a day this year, some are working for WPA, while others have moved to other mine communities to find employment.

The attendance at all of our services has been good, and increasing at the Worship Service and at the mid-week Prayermeeting. A very pleasing addition to the Sabbath Worship Service is the Boys' Robed Choir, directed by Miss

Mary Ellen Hensel, teacher of the Boys' Bible Class which, together with six smaller boys, composes the choir. The Anna Y. Thompson Circle of Second Church Washington, Pa., made and donated the Robes.

With the exception of our Young People's Society, which is undergoing that slack cycle periodically common to all, every organization of the church has functioned in a growing and encouraging manner.

As in the year before, the sacrament of communion was observed four times with three preparatory services preceding each communion. We have had 14 adult accessions. Ten by profession of faith, four by certificate. The sacrament of baptism was administered to two adults and two infants. One dismissal by death, two by marriage. Twenty were placed on the Side-roll.

The Week of Prayer was observed with cottage prayermeetings each evening. Evangelistic services were held the first two weeks in February with the Rev. Robert O. McCaslin, of Zelienople preaching. The World Day of Prayer was observed with union services. Worship service is being held each evening throughout Passion Week, with Seminary students preaching.

With the exception of July and August, prayermeeting was held each Wednesday night with Bible study on the following subjects: "The Psalms of David," "The Prayers of David," "The Model Prayer," "Our Sins of Unrighteousness," and "Looking Toward Calvary," with the Missionary leading the studies. This year the Church was closed in August but with that exception Bible School and Worship services were held each Sabbath. Two hundred nineteen services were held in the Church during the year. This year's unemployment made it necessary to distribute a goodly amount of food, raiment, and bedding to the needy but we are indeed grateful to God for the fine spirit of faith and Christian principles exhibited by these who have been so afflicted. The Missionary made 1,109 calls, spoke for 22 different organizations, took part in five funeral services, and served the second term as Presbyterial Secretary of Young Women's Work.

We desire to express our full appreciation and thanks to the many friends, who have remembered our work from time to time through the year, with loving interest, earnest prayers, and generous gifts which have made many hearts gladder, and the almost unbearable burdens lighter. We thank our friends of the Clergy, of the Women's Board, the Seminary, the Board of American Missions, and the Board of Publication for their co-operation in making accomplishments at Westland possible. We thank Him who said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you; go, and work in my vineyard," for giving us this opportunity to serve Him and to share in the work of bringing His Kingdom into the hearts of people.

Believing you realize the impossibility of an adequate report by this means and in the limited space yet it is with something of the spirit of Paul that the people of Westland begin the new year. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. For I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Brinton Clark.

PITTSBURGH NORTH SIDE

Beginning with June, the Men's Committee and the ministers of the churches concerned thought it better to make different arrangements regarding the missionary work in lower

North Side, Pittsburgh, and it was decided that hereafter your missionary would spend six months in each church. This has proved much more satisfactory, for it has given an opportunity to know the members of the church and also do more follow-up work in the community. The first six months were spent in Old Manchester. This is the most encouraging field as it now exists, I think, because there are more families living there, and more of a community life. The people are poor, and I suppose there is crime and vice, but it is not so rampant as we find it in some other districts.

On December first I began work with the Second Church. This church is located in a rooming house section and the field is difficult. Work was further handicapped by police raids which made the people suspicious of everyone. There is much poverty in this district, and much need for the ministry of the Church. The pastor is hoping for the cooperation of other denominations in an evangelistic campaign in this neighborhood; it is really too big a job for any one church or denomination, but the need is desperate for something to lift the standard of living, materially as well as spiritually. So many men live in rooming houses who are on relief and may eventually prove a menace to America if something is not done to reach them. During the winter there were so many suicides or accidental deaths in this district that it was almost a daily occurrence to hear of someone found dead in a room in one of the many rooming houses round about. The people seem to be absolutely friendless and it is a wonderful opportunity for the Church to come to them with all that it stands for.

Your missionary made 809 completed calls; probably three times that many uncompleted. Well do I remember one terrible day when I walked 62 blocks and only got a response at one home! I distributed 43 Bibles or Bible portions, taught in six schools of missions and made forty-five other talks to various groups. People everywhere have been interested in the work, and many of the churches have helped financially, so that I was able to get shoes and other needed garments for children. Several families were looked after at Christmas through the kindness of certain missionary groups, and everyone seemed so grateful. They are dear people, lonely and discouraged and often hungry and cold, and it is a real privilege to help in any way possible; if only by listening and sympathizing, and trying to make life easier.

A big job, too big for one, but it is a joy to find so many ready to respond to any call for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Lamb.

LOS ANGELES PRESBYTERY

Time, with its winged feet, has brought us through another eventful year, a year with its sunshine and shadows, its disappointments and glad surprises. We can truly say, "Hitherto, hath the Lord helped us."

Only as we have realized His presence with us have we been able to meet the challenge of abounding need of body, mind, and spirit of the many lying wounded beside our Jericho road in our desperately confused and troubled world.

March the first again found me engaged in assisting the Rev. Dwight Gillespie in the set-up for the Young People's Conference held each year in Arbolado.

While at the Occidental Church, it was my privilege to teach a large class of young married couples, known as, "The Delta Class." As problems presented themselves for solution, we felt the imperative need of going to the source of all wisdom and availability of strength. Requests were entered on cards and on Sabbath Bible passages were given out for each day. At 9:30 daily, a united approach of those entering into a prayer covenant was made at the throne of God, each in her own home. Evidences were manifested that even beyond the class prayer was heard and answered.

A mission study class was conducted for adults at 6:30 P. M. Sabbath evening, using the study book, "Rebuilding Rural America," in a home setting.

Since the first of August, I have served in the Pasadena Church where a survey has been made of the community. We are told that the chief problem of Pasadena is "culture." Not quite as bad as Germany, where we spell it with a "k", or Los Angeles, the world center of "cult-ure," although we have many cults represented. There is one class out of the church that is enjoying every good and perfect gift and feeling no need of the Giver. However, Pasadena is largely a churched city, and about the only ones who can be approached with the invitation to come to Christ and the church are those who are of the migratory population. Five such families, who were interested in the church and most of whom sent children to the Bible School, have left since my work in the community.

After weeks intervention, those contacted in the survey will turn up in one of the services and encourage us to believe that our labor has not been in vain by reminding us that we had called on them. We are also grateful for the children enrolling in the Bible school in the last month, and babies found for the Cradle Roll. Thirteen united with the church and possibly more at Easter; eight by letter, and the rest by re-affirmation and profession of faith. One of the young couples is supervising the senior Christian Endeavor group, one young man is teaching a Junior College class, another is supervising the Pioneers' Club. Two of the senior women, who are new members, are interested in the Missionary Society, one of which has spoken for a class in the Bible school.

The Young Women's Missionary Society is making splendid progress under the leadership of Mrs. Webster, increasing each month in numbers and interest. This society provided a Christmas tree and decorated it for the Home for the Aged in Glendale and sent a box of toys to the North American Indian children at Toppenish, Washington.

I was delighted to bring a message to the Culver City young women upon the occasion of their first anniversary a few weeks ago. Although their leader had to be away for a number of months, they carried on with splendid programs and faithful attendance of the membership, interesting also many new ones.

Nine messages have been given on various occasions and 1,322 calls made through the year.

A Mission School was conducted in the Pasadena church for six weeks with three classes. I taught the Junior and Junior High groups, using the study book, "City Shadows." We had an average attendance of eighteen.

We are very grateful for the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Webster in this difficult field, who have the tenacity to stick to hard tasks and are receiving already fruits for their arduous labors and most efficient ministry.

"When read in Heaven's light, how glorious and marvelous a prospect will thy 'hitherto' unfold to thy grateful eye."

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Elta Findley.

SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY

Since April first 1938 I have assisted in four different fields, which have afforded me a variety of opportunities for service.

Until June first when I left to attend the W.G.M.S. Convention, held in New Wilmington, Pa., I remained in Salinas. Those two months found me busy in various activities in the Bible School, especially the Primary department, which was my special responsibility. Other activities included Women's and Young Women's Missionary societies, and calling in homes. It was a great privilege to have been the Home Missionary representative at the General Convention, and one that I shall always treasure.

Following my vacation spent in the east, four months were spent in the Stewart Memorial church in San Francisco, canvassing the blocks surrounding the church. It was a hard field to get results, as our church is in the center of a large Catholic parish.

In five hundred and sixty-eight calls, three hundred and fifty-three families were Catholic and sixty-three were indifferent. Only twenty-three families were listed as prospects, but from that number we received some response in church attendance. The Bible School has an attendance of a few over the one hundred mark, and the attendance much better than one year ago.

The First Church, San Francisco, is sponsoring a new Sabbath School in the Sunset District, and I was asked by the Superintendent of Missions, to spend a month in canvassing that section. This is a new residential section, and as yet, not overchurched. There seems to be an excellent opportunity for a new work, and we hope eventually a new United Presbyterian Church may be established there. The new Sabbath School was begun the middle of November. The average attendance for the first six weeks was thirty-one. One hundred and seventy-two personal calls were made, and invitations left at sixty-eight doors where no response was made when I called. Many were found who were interested in a Presbyterian Church in that neighborhood being established.

January found me back in Oakland where I began my work four and a half years ago. My first duty was having charge of the Junior group during the School of Missions. Invitations were sent to some seventy-five boys and girls. The course was planned to extend beyond the five weeks period of the School of Missions. Much to my delight the Juniors asked that we continue. We have twenty-nine different boys and girls, and hope soon to organize in a regular Junior Society.

Much time is spent calling on families where there are Sabbath School children, checking especially on the absentees. The Sabbath School enrollment of 403 is about 100 above that of one year ago. In a house-to-house visitation some valuable prospects for the church and Sabbath School have been found.

Another year has come to a close, a very busy and profitable one. May the coming year hold as rich blessings as has the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jamieson.

PUGET SOUND PRESBYTERY

The leaves of the 1939 calendar record the work in the Tahoma Terrace Mission. Each month has carried its own story of the work done in the Master's name for the advancement of the Kingdom of Father.

You have heard of the Wahoo bird? It flies backward, because it has no interest in where it is going—only in where it has been.

We know you are not like that, but we believe you are interested in knowing what has passed, only as it will definitely lead to what is to come.

Looking back—

Along with "carrying on" the second systematic call of the every house canvass of last year,

a. A Junior Mission Band of 12 members was organized

b. A Men's Club was organized which sponsors open lectures.

c. A Candle Light Vesper Service held every Sabbath evening.

d. A confirmation class is taught Sabbath afternoons.

e. As Superintendent of the Bible School, object lessons or chalk talk have been given ev- Sabbath morning.

f. Rehearsals with the Senior Choir are held each week.

g. Junior Choir, (eighteen members) organized and rehearsals each week.

Led—

The Bible Study hour every Wednesday evening: The devotionals at all teachers, trustee, Sabbath School, Aid meetings, and many devotional periods and talks in the churches of South Tacoma (through courtesy).

Attended—

The Women's Presbyterial at Burlington; the Presbyteries of Puget Sound in Seattle and Olympia; the fall Retreat of the ministers, and the program Retreat of the First Church Tacoma.

Banquets held—

Father and Daughter, Mother and Daughter, Junior Choir, Junior Mission Band and Congregational.

The Sabbath School—

Enrollment one hundred. (Attendance has reached the one hundred and one mark).

An increase of one thousand and thirty-eight in attendance over last year.

Home Department—

Enrollment, one hundred. We have observed Children's Day, Rally and Decision Day. A Christmas Pageant was given.

The Reception of Members—

Ten new members were received, all but two, who were from the Sabbath School, were adults. Six were welcomed upon confession and baptism.

We acknowledge the receipt of many letters of cheer and encouragement. To know that the work is in the minds and hearts of friends has greatly encouraged us, not only to believe that we are in His will, but also that He has a real work for us to accomplish through the help of the Spirit.

Looking Ahead—

As the 1939 calendar is hung, your missionary resolves that the coming year shall see even greater things accomplished for Him as she rededicates her life to the task which has been given to her in this field of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Johnstone.

EZEL MISSION, EZEL, KY.

Another year has passed into history and we take this opportunity to give a brief account of our stewardship. In reviewing the activities of the year we humbly give praise to our heavenly Father for His goodness to us at all times. The teachers have been well and diligent in their work; the enlarged student body has shown earnestness and zeal; provision has been made for very many to attend school who otherwise could not have access to the Christian training; the death angel has not visited our ranks during the year; the ministry of the Holy Spirit has been evident at all times. Truly with these and many other evident blessings we give praise and glory to God.

First of all, let us look into the school buildings. As school opens in the late summer we discover that with no solicitation there is a large group entering High School. By the time all have enrolled there are 53 boys and girls, by far the largest number we have ever had, in an entering class. Too large for a single class and for our class rooms; they are immediately divided into two groups. The other classes, with the exception of the Senior class, which numbers 12, are also large. The total enrollment for the high school classes has been 160. With limited space such numbers would seem to tax us far beyond capacity, and they have; but they have faced the situation in a very wonderful spirit and have helped us to make an orderly school possible. In the lower grades there are 110 enrolled. Two of the rooms being very small are wholly inadequate for safety and activity. But we have been able to get everything arranged satisfactorily and school has progressed beyond our expectations. The new library has proved to be a great help for the whole school. Recently two High School inspectors passed on the library with this remark: "You have as fine a library as any in this section of the State." Well, that is a lot of territory indeed, but we have tried hard to make the most out of the space and materials available. No little praise, but much, should be given to the many Y. P. societies and friends who have sent us books to fill the shelves. The library is open to the community one evening each week, and many are making good use of this opportunity. Already many are asking that their children might come to school next year. Surely money spent in Christian training brings in great returns.

The clothing department has been patronized by larger crowds than usual. Money was more scarce this year due to economic conditions, and we have tried to make their smaller amounts go farther than usual. The good women of the church certainly have remembered us. We have tried to make acknowledgment to all in a special way. With the crowded schedule and less time to work at this than in former years, it may be that we have not been as prompt as we should have been. But please help us to understand by knowing and believing me when I say that we have faithfully tried to do our best, and we thank you for your help. At the present there is little clothing to be distributed. We wish there were more, for it is needed. However, we realize that with conditions as they are everywhere there is little to send in comparison with years of the past. We do appreciate your sacrifices, and assure you that we have tried to be faithful in the service rendered. When you can, send your used clothing that you may be of service to the needy in this mountain section.

The work of the congregation and church activities continues to be inspiring. We feel keenly disappointed in many respects, yet there are so many victories for which we are glad. The church has seldom been crowded, but it has never been empty. In one sense of the word, there has been a steadier attendance than in any past year. Money has not been as plentiful as in the past, therefore there is a noted dropping in the total and per capita giving. Two weeks of evangelistic effort have been given, with a quickened interest and spirit for the Kingdom, many re-dedications of life and purpose, and one accession by profession. The Rev. R. H. Belton, of Columbus, Ohio, was the messenger. We are thankful for his vital messages coming from a careful study of the Word. The following figures may interest you:

Membership	156
Total Gifts	$936.00
Bible School Offerings	$197.00
Contributions to Women's Work..	$521.00

Two other Bible Schools are conducted by the workers on the Sabbath afternoons. Their attendance has been growing from week to week, and they are filling a vital need indeed. There are so many other places where the Word should be taught, but to date we have not had time nor available talent to start them. It is our purpose to keep them going during the summer months. Please help us with this work by praying and giving. The every member canvas for the new year shows an increase over the giving of the past year.

This year marks the close of the fifteenth year of the work at Ezel. It also marks the close of the work of the present superintendent, who has been here almost nine years. During that time there has been rapid growth of friendship that is not easily broken, neither can it be completely severed. But God has called us to serve in another field, unsought and undesired, but presented and finally accepted. I am happy in the choice the Board has made for my successor as general superintendent—Mr. William Heagen—and I bespeak for him the same cordiality and interest as he seeks to guide the work for the glory of our Lord. A pastor is to be chosen and to be on the field by the time of our leaving if possible. Surely there is a new day dawning for the work at Ezel, and with your continued and increased interest and support of this new leadership there will be a great work here which will be a great testimonial to the faith of the women of the United Presbyterian church, and to the fine people of this community. Great opportunities are before us. This is a great field for mission work, and it should be manned and occupied. I pray that it will. What will be YOUR answer to this challenge?

I cannot close without one other word of thanks to all who have made our life and effort here most pleasant and profitable. The friends are many, near and far. But it wasn't for me that you did that. It was for our Lord, and I am sure all of you will want to do all you can to carry on in a larger way than we have been allowed to do, due to our personal limitations. May God bless you all, my parting word to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray M. Davis.

FRENCHBURG MISSION
FRENCHBURG, KY.

The report of the work done in Frenchburg School through the past is one of the tasks that brings mingled joy and sorrow. As we look back we realize that there have been mistakes which brought failure or non-productiveness to our efforts and there have been those times of success. But so it will be when we shall render the account of our stewardship to a higher court than the W. G. M. S.

Throughout the year we have been reminded again and again of the promise which God has made in His Word in Philippians 4:19. Our every need has been supplied and while at times we felt that our financial resources were limited, yet we have had always, the necessary things. For this we are thankful to those whose hearts the Lord made willing to aid in this work.

Contributions

The Used Clothing Department continued to be popular with those who are desirous of helping in the work. Societies and individuals united in keeping us fully supplied with a stock of good clothing. It was also popular with a great number of people who sought to supply their clothing needs at a price they could afford. It was popular with the Frenchburg School administration for through its sales a great portion of the maintainence funds were secured. There were four hundred contributors whose contributions thus far have brought the school a total of $2,759.00 and we still have sufficient stock to carry our sales until almost the end of the school year.

The Christmas season was especially happy for we were able to bring Christmas cheer and joy to a number of families. We packed and distributed a hundred Christmas boxes. This service was made possible through the generosity of a great host of friends throughout the church.

Repair and Maintainance

The usual round of repair and maintainance duties claimed our attention. The interior of the school building was redecorated giving a fresh and bright environment in which to work. The stairway between the first and second floors was re-built. A wooden floor was laid over the concrete in the science room in the basement.

We finished the basement dressing room in the gymnasium. A hot air furnace with a circulating fan was installed to take the place of one of the big stoves which stood in the main floor. A small dome water heater was installed to supply hot water for showers. Shower baths, toilet facilities and two small drinking fountains were also installed so that we now have a very modern and convenient gymnasium.

The basement rooms and the halls of the hospital were given a coat of paint and the concrete floors treated with a seal coat to help in keeping this part of the hospital clean and tidy.

The farm cottage was given new paint inside and repapered. A new kitchen sink was installed and a new floor laid in one room. The campus cottage also came in for some repair. The interior walls were surfaced with sheetrock and papered and the wood-work and floors had a new coat of paint.

The furnace at the manual Training shop was replaced by repairing the stove formerly used in the gymnasium.

Some necessary repairs were made on the boiler at the church. The valleys of the church roof were caulked and painted and the rain spouts repaired. The walls and ceiling of the basement have been repaired and painted. A good deal of plaster had been loosened and as it had never been painted it had a tendency to chalk off on the clothes of those who used the rooms for Sabbath School classes. With the repair of the basement it is a usable and attractive location.

Personnel

There have been some important changes in the working force during the year. Mr. H. M. McDowell, who had been on the working force for fifteen years resigned to take up the management of a farm in Iowa. His place as farm manager was not filled. Your superintendent has assumed the management of the farm and we have secured the services of Mr. Raymond Hughes, a graduate of our school, to do the actual work and manage the farm labor crew.

The other important change has been in the installation of a pastor to take over the pastoral work in the church. Rev. J. M. McMains, whose last pastorate was near New Castle, Pa., has assumed these duties. It is our hope that as he devotes his entire time to the cultivation of the field there will be new interest and enthusiasm for the work of the church.

The members of the workers staff in all other departments remain as in the past years. There are seventeen workers whose salary is met by the W. G. M. S. There are two full time workers on the farm whose wages are met from farm receipts.

School Activities

The school continues to hold the center of interest in the institution. With an enrollment of 230 pupils, 126 are in the first eight grades and 104 in the High School. Seventeen will graduate from the Eighth Grade and 16 from the High School. There are eleven full time teachers and two who teach part time. Mr. Taylor, the dean of boys, teaches three periods each day and Mr. Stephens teaches Bible in the High School.

There have been no notable changes in the curriculum. It is necessary that we pursue the regularly accredited course of study and because of limited time and workers we cannot offer much training in vocational subjects. In order to secure college entrance for our graduates we must keep on a well charted course and those who do not go to college must do the same work in our school.

The extra curricular activities have been interesting and enjoyable. The Glee Club, basketball team, debate team and forensic club have constituted the major interests. An art club which meets after school with Miss Worrall as instructor is doing fine work and showing good interest.

Hospital

It has become increasingly difficult to secure the services of a surgeon in our hospital. Because of the good roads and motor ambulances the surgeons prefer to transport their patients to Mt. Sterling or Winchester and even to Lexington where they can be in constant attendance upon them. Two Tonsil Clinics were held, one in June and the other in November. Dr. Jeff Overstreet, of Lexington was the surgeon and in the two days he performed a total of twenty tonsillectomies.

The figures for the hospital follow: Hospital Days 507; Patients 98; Tonsillectomies 20; Births 16; Major Operations 11; School children 11.

The Dormitories

One of the unique services which Frenchburg School offers is its dormitory life. We have had 68 different dormitory students, 22 boys and 46 girls. The highest number at any one time was 60, and the lowest 50. The total cost of the food for the seven months of this term has been $2,625.00 and the total income from board for the same period has been $2,570.00. The deficit is made up from the proceeds from the sale of used clothing. There are a few bills with unpaid balances, some of which we shall have to write off to charity but the majority of the bills are paid through student labor. This is a rather expensive type of labor for the school but it keeps the students from developing a pauper complex through having privileges handed to them. The students have worked a total of 23,358 hours through the six months reported thus far this term and for this work have been granted a credit of $2,436.45. With the exception of the married couples the teachers and workers board in the dormitory.

The Church

There has been a good interest in the work of the church. Mrs. Edd Sorrell, one of our graduates, has been superintendent of the S. S. since June 1, 1938, and has done much to stimulate attendance in the community. A class of young people was organized and their enthusiasm has been good throughout the year. Attendance at the church services has held up well. The coming of a full time pastor has had some effect upon attendance and will stimulate it further as he gets opportunity to call in the homes and encourage interest in the church.

A Young Woman's Missionary Society was organized in September and now has 24 members. The societies of former years continue and are, Women's Missionary Society, Young People's Christian Union, Intermediate Society and Junior Missionary Society.

There has been no intensive drive for church membership thus far in the year and consequently there have been very few additions. The session is planning for a Decision Day centering around the Easter season.

An election was held to elect members to the Session. Mr. Henry Hey Mr. Lester Taylor, Mr. Edd Sorrell and Mr. Stephens, were elected as elders and installed in the service of Sabbath, March 5.

We are enjoying the ministry of Rev. McMains and looking forward to renewed growth and interest in the church program.

The year is closing with many reasons for thanksgiving on the part of those of us who are privileged to serve in this place. We bespeak your interest and prayers in our behalf that we may be found faithful in our stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Glenn Stephens.

REPORT OF

Field Secretary

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 1, 1939

AGAIN we can say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," through another year, now left behind.

Any good that may have been done we hope will live on and bear fruit as seed sown on good ground. May the mistakes be wiped out forgotten and forgiven.

During the year the presbyteries of Conemaugh, Hudson, First Ohio, Argyle, Albany, New York, Kiskiminetas, Indiana and Mansfield have been visited and with a very few exceptions all societies or congregations were contacted and talks given on our entire W.G.M.S. work at home and in our Foreign Fields. In itinerating through these presbyteries one hundred and fifty talks were given and six others at Rallies, Thank Offerings, Prayer Retreats, etc., etc., making in all two hundred and ten talks for the year—these to a combined audience of eight thousand two hundred and fifty-four. This all required almost eight thousand miles of travel by train, bus or private car. Two new Teen Age Societies were organized and a number of promises were given that, as soon as time should seem ripe others would be organized. The reading of our Magazine was urged, as well as the literature suggested in the Reading List for the year. The need of prayer, "the churches greatest unused asset" has been emphasized everywhere and the keeping daily a Ten o'clock A. M. time of prayer urged with the Bible and the Prayer Cycle as guide.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie E. Dickey.

REPORT OF

Foreign Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

THE Lord has been mindful of us and He has blessed us during the past year. We are thankful that the lives of all our missionaries have been spared and we have been enabled to carry on without any serious reductions in the work.

We have had on our roll the names of one hundred thirty-one missionaries. Of these several have given up the work for various reasons and returned to their homes. Dr. Anna Bramson, who had been given temporary appointment in Memorial Hospital, Sialkot, closed her work in the early summer to return to her home in Denmark. Miss Maude Miller resigned and Miss Rose Shereda and Miss Henrietta Moore returned to America for health reasons. Miss Moore is not returning to India but is on the list of retired missionaries. Miss Roma Beatty, after almost thirty years of faithful service in India, resigned to be married in America. Miss Vida Graham of India and the Misses Ruth Williamson and Elizabeth White of Egypt are not returning this year.

The missionaries who returned to their fields since our last annual report were to *Egypt* — the Misses Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., Ruth McCleery, E. Roxy Martin and Sarah B. Meloy; to *The Sudan* — Miss Marguerite McClellan; to *India* — the Misses Theresa I. Brownlee, Flora Jameson, Mary Kyle, Elizabeth McConnell, R.N., and Helen C. Sharp, M.D. Miss Laurella Dickson's health did not permit her return to India and she is now one of our retired missionaries.

To fill some of the vacancies, four new missionaries were appointed to India. The Misses Adah P. Boggs, R.N., Alice G. Hill, and Laura R. MacLachlan sailed from America in September. Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., a daughter of our India Mission, who had for some years been serving in the Landour Community Hospital, took up work as one of our regular missionaries late in the Autumn.

Two other children of our Missions were appointed for life time service. Miss Martha A. Roy (a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Mark S. Roy, formerly of Egypt) was elected for work in Egypt, where she had already given three years as a short term teacher. Miss Ellen P. Smith, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Smith of Nasir, has for some months been serving in the land of her birth—The Sudan.

Pending the return to India of Miss Elizabeth McConnell, R.N., to take over the work in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum, Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., delayed her furlough for some months. After visiting friends enroute, she reached America late in March. Two other missionaries from India—the Misses Hazel Bennett and Evelyn Cathcart — arrived in the home land on a later boat. In the coming weeks the following missionaries are to be welcomed from Egypt on regular furlough: the Misses Leota Cabeen, Alta G. French, Jeannette McCrory, Jane C. Smith, R.N., Marie F. Tait, Elizabeth Wilson, and Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver. Those due from The Sudan are: the Misses Isabel Blair and Mary Jane McKnight; and from Ethiopia: the Misses Ruth M. Nichol and Marjorie Faught, R.N. The two ladies from Ethiopia and also Miss Elizabeth Wilson of Egypt have all remained on the field an extra year because of the scarcity of workers.

Missionaries who will return to

their respective fields this Fall if health permits are: to *India*: the Misses Ruth I. Ardrey, Kate A. Hill, Glendine Lundquist, R.N., Addaline Brandon, Margaret Murdoch, and Laura Reynolds; to *Egypt* — Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, and the Misses Alice Grimes, Carol E. McMillan, Venna R. Patterson and Margaret Work; to *The Sudan* — the Misses Blanche C. Soule, R.N. and Frances Turk, R.N.

We are sorry to state that it was not possible to obtain permission for Mrs. Robert W. Hockman and Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., to enter Ethiopia since their appointment in the Spring of 1938. Mrs. Pollock has recently accepted a position as short term nurse in our hospital in Tanta, Egypt.

The Women's Board has appointed three new missionaries for Egypt: Mrs. Margaret J. Work, Miss Mary M. Stevenson, and Miss Mary C. Thompson.

Mrs. Randles and Mrs. Boobyer, who as a Survey Committee visited the stations in India, Egypt and The Sudan, made their first report of what they saw and heard at the Annual Convention in New Wilmington in June. They have had a strenuous year telling the story to presbyterials and local congregations scattered over the Church from coast to coast. Many organizations and societies reported renewed interest in the work of our Mission fields because of the inspiring accounts given by these two Board members. We feel that their trip abroad has been most worth while and will bring continued blessing to our Church at large.

Many societies and individuals have paid their pledges for salary for which we are very grateful. A number have not been able to meet their pledges fully but we feel sure all have tried to meet their obligations as far as possible during depression times. Some salaries are still unpledged and we hope that in the coming year more of these may be taken up. Such salaries have been paid from our Foreign Missions General Fund.

FOREIGN SALARIES

April 16, 1938 to April 15, 1939

Credit Balance, April 15, 1939		$ 17,998.67
Receipts		
By Presbyterials, Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Individuals	$ 57,338.06	
By 1937 Thank Offering	50.00	
By Transfers	29,437.24	$ 86,825.30
Total		$104,823.97
Disbursed		$ 83,479.52
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939		$ 21,344.45

FOREIGN MISSIONS GENERAL

Some of the money received by the Foreign Deaprtment is designated and of course is placed in the designated account. All that is undesignated is kept by the Treasurer in a ledger account which she calls Foreign General. This money is used as the work seems to demand in the judgment of the Board.

Credit Balance, April 15, 1938		$ 22,355.09
Receipts		
By Presbyterials, Congregations, Sabbath Schools, Individuals, etc.	$ 18,329.80	
By 1937 Thank Offering	66,695.82	

By Transfers	52,663.10	$137,688.72
Total		$160,043.81
Disbursed		135,665.90
Credit Balance, April 15, 1939		$ 24,377.91

In all the fields the educational and evangelistic work has been carried on as in other years. The schools had a slight increase in the number of pupils and many of the young people have confessed Christ and united with the Church. The evangelistic work in the villages and cities was prosecuted with zeal and many thousands heard the gospel story. All our hospitals carried on the work of healing and the reports for the year have been very good.

Here follow the responsibilties of the Women's General Missionary Society in our four fields:

EGYPT

* Support of:
- 56 missionaries
- 53 Bible women

†Maintenance of:
- Martha McKown Hospital, Tanta
- Dispensary, Tanta
- Hospital Residences, Tanta
- Hussania Welfare Center, Cairo

Girls' Boarding Schools
- Beni Suef
- Fayoum
- Luxor
- Tanta

Day Schools
- Alexandria
- Karmous
- Kafr-el-Ashari
- Sharabia
- Benha
- Mansura

Community Centers
- Tanta
- Benha
- Beni Suef
- Fayum

Mary Herron Rest Home, Ramleh

The estimates granted for Egypt for the ensuing year amount to $75,237.

INDIA

*Support of:
- 58 missionaries
- 45 Bible women

†Maintenance of:

Hospitals
- Memorial, Sialkot
- White Memorial, Pasrur
- Good Samaritan, Jhelum
- Mary B. Reid, Sargodha

Dispensaries
- Jhelum
- Kala
- Pasrur
- Sargodha
- Sialkot
- Elliott

Girls' Boarding Schols
- Sialkot
- Sargodha
- Sangla Hill
- Pasrur
- John and Jane Denham Memorial, Pathankot

Ladies' Bungalows
- Attock
- Campbellpur
- Abbottabad
- Jhelum
- Pasrur South
- Pathankot
- Sargodha
- Sheikhupura

Girls' Day Schools
- Sialkot District, 6
- Gujranwala District, 7
- Rawalpindi District, 2
- Khangah Dogran District, 2
- Sargodha District, 23
- Dhariwal
- Gurdaspur
- Gujrakhan

Sialkot, Elizabeth Gordon Home
Pathankot
Zafarwal
Jhelum
Mary D. Taylor Memorial, Martinpur
Lyallpur

The estimates granted for India for the ensuing year amount to $84,906.

SUDAN

*Support of:
12 missionaries
14 Bible women

†Maintenance of:
Bible Women's House, Khartum North
Girls' Boarding and Day School, Khartum North

The estimates for The Sudan for the ensuing year amount to $20,062.

ETHIOPIA

*Support of
5 missionaries

†Maintenance of:
George Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa
Two missionaries' residences, Addis Ababa
Girls' Boarding School, Addis Ababa

The estimates granted for Ethiopia for the ensuing year amount to $13,880.

The foregoing estimates ($194,085. for the four fields) do not include outfit money, traveling expenses or salaries for new missionaries who may go out in 1939, neither do they include furlough salaries for missionaries who are now in this country.

*Support of missionaries includes salaries, language teachers, travel, sanitarium, itinerating and station expenses. Full support, according to our Board of Foreign Missions, means double the salary. That is, if a salary is $720.00, full support is $1,440.00 a year. Sending out new missionaries is an additional expense and includes outfit money and traveling expenses to the field.

†Maintenance of institutions includes taxes, repairs, furniture, instruments, garden tools, seeds, food, clothing, books, medicine, and itinerating; salaries of superintendents, nurses, teachers, doctors, Bible women, matrons and servants.

The Board of Managers of Columbia Hospital has shown great kindness in the sympathetic and generous treatment given to the missionaries of both the Board of Foreign Missions and the Women's Board. This service to ten patients for 141 days and valued at $1,081.50, was given without any cost to the missionaries or to the Boards. This generous help is much appreciated.

REPORT OF

Honor Roll

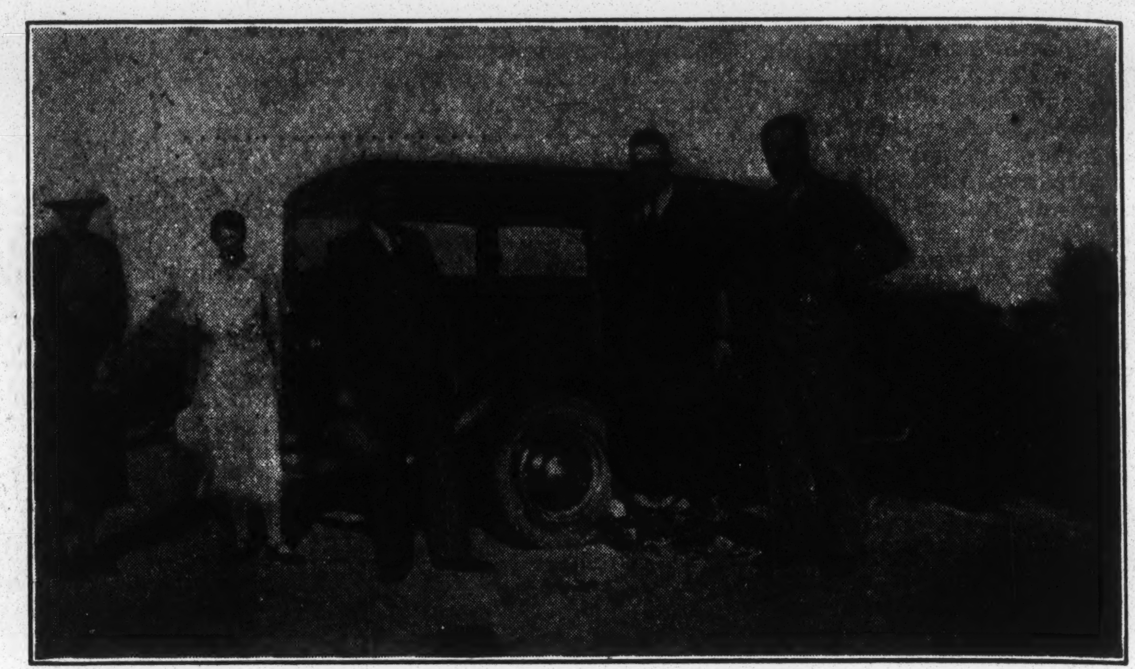
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

Here follow the names of all who paid their pledges in such fashion as there was no deficit in their accounts when the treasurer closed her books April 15, 1939.

	Number of Salaries Pledged
Allegheny Presbyterial	1
Avalon Sabbath School	1
Avalon Congregation	1
Bellevue Congregation Organizations	1
Eleventh Congregation Organizations	1
Second Congregation	1
Albany and Puget Sound Presbyterials	part
Argyle Presbyterial	part
Arkansas Valley Presbyterial	1 and part
Beaver Valley Presbyterial	1

Boston Presbyterial	1
Butler Presbyterial	1
Caledonia Presbyterial	1
Chartiers Presbyterial	2
Chartiers and Greenside Avenue Congregations	1
Chicago Presbyterial	1
Cleveland Presbyterial	1
Colorado Presbyterial	1
Conemaugh Presbyterial	1
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller	1
Delaware Presbyterial	part
Detroit Presbyterial	part
Hudson Presbyterial	1
Indiana and Mansfield Presbyterials	part
Kansas City Presbyterial	part
Keokuk Presbyterial	part
Los Angeles Presbyterial	1
First Los Angeles Congregation	1
Mercer Presbyterial	1
New Wilmington W. M. S. and Y. W. M. S.	1
Monmouth Presbyterial	
Woods Sisters	1
Monongahela Presbyterial	2
Carnegie Congregation	1
Homewood Congregation	part
Mt. Lebanon Congregation	1
Shadyside Congregation	1
First Wilkinsburg Congregation Organizations	1
Second Wilkinsburg Congregation	1
Sixth Congregation and Organizations	4
Morrison, Mrs. Archie	part
Muskingum Presbyterial	1 and part
Nebraska Presbyterial	1
Oklahoma, Idaho and Uncompahgre Presbyterials	part
Oregon Presbyterial	1
Philadelphia Presbyterial	1
Fifth Congregation	part
Boulevard Sabbath School	1
Rochester, N. Y., Congregation and Sabbath School	1
Rock Island and Spokane Presbyterials	part
San Francisco Presbyterial	1
Southern Illinois Presbyterial	1 and part
Marissa Congregation	1
Sparta Congregation	1
Steubenville Presbyterial	1
Westmoreland Presbyterial	2
Wheeling Presbyterial	1
Wisconsin Presbyterial	part
Xenia Presbyterial	1 and part
Young Women's Special	1

The Year in India



Dr. Collins and Dr. Skellie see work in Sialkot District with help of station wagon from Memorial Hospital. Rev. and Mrs. Christy and Miss Artman at left.

ECHOES FROM THE MADRAS CONFERENCE

Our first report from the International Missionary Conference came to us in the Urdu script from our India church papers. The Women's Magazine told of 58 women delegates. On Christmas day an Indian, and a Chinese woman each gave greetings for the International broadcast.

Alshahid (the U. P. church paper) had a whole conference number. In this the Editor, Rev. Wazir Chand, reported as a delegate from the Punjab. Some of his impressions had to do with the 2,000 mile railway journey—partly through famine conditions, the electric train from Madras to Tambaram, the 3-mile campus, the cry of the jackals disturbing the peace of the night. The multiplicity of languages made a great impression on him, as when each in his own tongue

1. تامبرم سے ایک پیغام

2. ”تہانوں وڈا دن مبارک ہووے“

1. "A message from Tambaram" and 2. a Christmas Radio greeting as given in Bashir ul Niswan, the Indian U. P. Missionary Magazine.

repeated the Lord's prayer or when several languages sang in unison for worship.

Readers were given a personal introduction to Dr. Mott as chairman, Kagawa, C. F. Andrews, Sir Henry Holland as Medical officer and Dr. Laubach. The latter's part in the adult literacy campaign made Rev. Wazir Chand single him out for a personal interview.

ADULT LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Any one who has tried to teach an adult to read the Persian Punjabi script knows that it is not an easy task. During the past months at least 500 adults in our area have attempted to learn to read and about 150 have achieved a fair degree of success. This is only a beginning in a Christian community of 150,000 of whom 95 per cent are illiterate, but it is dawning on the adult Punjabi that he *can* learn to read and that reading is fun as well as profitable. The motive that carries the reader most quickly to the goal of literacy is a desire to read the Bible for himself. One of our village pastors reported just the other day that one of the girls I despaired of last January is now able to read the Gospel of Mark. It has been her love for the Lord and a desire to know Him better that have helped her.

Literate Christians are feeling a responsibility for teaching. We had a short course in methods of teaching adults for all our Boarding schools of Middle and High grade just before the summer vacation. 350 of our own boys and girls pledged themselves to teach others. Many gave very enthusiastic reports after vacation. Some had taught mothers, fathers or other members of the family. Our primer for adults is too hard.

We hope that when Dr. Laubach, of Philippine fame, returns to India this year he can help us simplify the reading primer so that the slogan "Each one teach one" may become a reality in practice.

The desire to see Christ formed in each of these one hundred seventy girls of the Sialkot Boarding school and to witness before our Mohammedan pupils and servants keeps one willing to be instant in season and out of season for His sake.

M. Lois Boyd.

NOTE:—Due to the need in school work Miss Boyd has been taken from this special work and sent to Sialkot Boarding School.

ABBOTTABAD

We left the narrow street and entered a home. Cooking preparations were in progress. During the meeting one woman's face was a special study to me. It was the face of a young woman who had tasted the bitterness of the world. Some-

"Each one teach one" Adult Literacy Campaign. Note: Miss Boyd was set aside by the mission for this special work.

times she looked as if she wanted to flee to the Christ who was being presented to her. We offered silent prayer that the Father speak to her. This is her story. Her husband had come one day to carry her back to the city which had been their home. He had taken an axe, cut many gashes in her body, picked up their only child, a beautiful baby girl, and left his wife there to die. But is was not so decreed, for some one found her and carried her to the hospital where after seven months she was discharged and came to her mother in Abbottabad. At this point in the story she showed me her scars. I wanted to weep and cry out against the whole system that would let a man go free who had been so cruel. We have since heard that she has taken the child and run away.

The women often say, "Abbottabad is such a wicked place." There are more murders in this Hazara District than in any other district in India. Opposition is open, and yet the Bible woman does regular work in more than a hundred non-Christian homes, not mentioning the homes opening up weekly. Days are few when she does not hear some man mutter his disapproval as she walks along the streets going from house to house.

Mr. and Mrs. Paterson of Mansehra are the only ones in the village work. Mrs. Paterson gives this incident from her dispensary work:

"There slipped into my dispensary a woman whom I had not seen for two years. Shutting the door upon the group of women waiting on the verandah, I turned to greet her. A few years ago I was a frequent visitor in her home; both she and her husband (who is a maulvi in the town) have listened regularly to Gospel readings and talks. I have nursed and doctored their children. Suddenly all had to stop; a neighbor, a woman, made great mischief, spreading lies concerning them all over the town. For this reason I had been asked not to visit them and they feared to come to me. But at last the woman had found an opportunity, and, under cover of attending the dispensary had come to see me. She slipped a well-worn Gospel portion out from under her head covering. "I have read this through twice. May I have another one?" What a joy to have a little chat, to give another book and some leaflets. Then off she went hoping to come again."

The finances of the school were again threatened, but the members of the Staff took this to God in prayer and we have once more found that "He is faithful." There are fewer Mohammedan children and more Hindus than when I came here seven years ago. Your heart would be glad if you could see our children and teachers at supervised play in our beautiful garden before school opens.

Minnie E. Beatty.

CAMPBELLPUR

In a humble home the mother said, "My son is in M———, and he wants to be a Christian." She was so eager to hear of Christ. Returning later, we found her cold and indifferent. Satan and the maulvi (Moslem teacher) had done their work. Perhaps the way to her heart may again open.

Two young Christian women now read the Punjab gospel of Mark. One of the important features of our work is the school for Christian children, and the live Junior Society. In the church, revival is the deep need.

Our camp alone is working in the villages of the great non-Christian territory north of the Jhelum River. Some time was spent in the mountains beyond Abbottabad, and many heard the gospel for the first time. Several times when the picture of the Crucifixion was shown, eyes filled with tears. One old woman said, "And to think He loved me that much!" Many printed portions of the Word have gone into the hands of these people. Failing the penny to give for a gospel, a boy sometimes brought an egg. Before we left, maulvis had ordered that no one should touch a Christian book or listen to a Christian speech. In one village we were stoned by a mob of boys, who set on by the maulvi, followed for some distance throwing clods and stones.

Four women converts from Islam bring hope and great burdens for prayer. One of these, a simple village woman, learned quickly to read her Bible and fearlessly took her stand for baptism. The older of her little boys asked baptism, but for her safety it was not wise. Her heathen husband just out of jail, could do dreadful things. Previously he had divorced her and cut off her mother's nose; now he could exercise his Mohammedan right of the father to the children. One wife who had held back for years now joined her Christian husband and made a united family. A woman who had been the active enemy of Christ for years and had persecuted her brother when he was baptized, came and surrendered her life. Miracles, these; the harvest of seed sown for years in stony ground.

Janette M. Howland,
Eva M. Hewitt.

GUJRANWALA

Our Middle School is a place of sudden and frequent changes of pupils owing to the transfer of the head of the family. We never know when some of our most promising students may have to leave. Then our opportunity for influence and seed sowing is over.

My visitor was a former school girl, a Hindu who was married last year. In course of conversation she said, "Do you have any Testaments? I should like to have one for there are such lovely things in it and I want to read it in my home." We got her some portions with the hope that God Himself would speak anew to her through His Word. Shortly, two Mohammedan girls came to call. When they were in school we had trembled for one of these because of her unusually queenly bearing and beauty. Their visit left one almost cold with apprehension as to the life they might be living. In school they had seemed so interested in the Bible lessons.

An arrangement by which we can darken the hall and make use of free educational films has been a help. Our Christmas entertainment this year was Bible pictures with songs relating to the picture then on the screen, and a simple Nativity drama.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor's visit to our school was a privilege. The girls were thrilled to be able to show to such appreciative guests a little of their cooking, laundry and sewing. It pleased them greatly when Dr. Taylor invited them all to come to America some time, and promised them that he would try to have as nice a song of welcome for them as the one with which they had been welcomed. Both Dr. and Mrs. Taylor gave very fine evangelistic messages.

One teacher on the staff gives part of her time to evangelistic work in the city. In one moslem home instead of being told that they *could not* call Christ the Son of God, a mild way of expressing the usual Mohammedan objection, one woman said, regarding some of the mighty works of the Lord, "Of course, He was the Son of God."

A Christian girl who does sweeper's work in the city said, "Oh, Miss Sahiba, when I go into the homes and see Hindus and Mohammedans reading their religious books I just long to be able to read my Bible that way." She can read a little and is trying to pass on to others the little she knows.

Louise E. Scott.

The Christians of several villages seem to have new life and enthusiasm. In one village we could scarcely satisfy the great desire of the people to be taught. We visited them five times from nearby camps and could get away with difficulty, so eager were they to learn more. Real revival is manifest in some places.

The day of prayer for India was a happy Sabbath in our camp. The Christians of Soian gathered in the early morning for a splendid service. Then one of their number took us to another village where he had arranged for us to conduct a meeting. In the afternoon about seventy-five Christians from Soian walked with us to Thakarki singing and rejoicing as they went. Others from another place joined us by the way. The open-air meeting in Thakarki was attended by about two hundred. The time was rich in blessing and the day one long to be remembered. Many Christian groups come to the camp for little night meetings. They nearly all sing as they come. These meetings in our camp are greatly blessed. Several groups who had become Roman Catholics have come back to us.

A young Sikh of wealthy family died very suddenly and some fifty women had gathered to weep and wail with the bereaved wife and sisters. They quieted at once when we told them we had come to sorrow with them and to tell them of One who could heal their sorrow. For nearly an hour they listened to the glad news of the One who conquered death.

In the villages we have showed lantern pictures on the Life of Christ to audiences aggregating about four thousand. Two hundred sixty meetings for Christians have been conducted, and five hundred village group meetings for non-Christians. The camp work was done in one hundred ninety villages from fifteen centers. Interest in every way has been good. Adult education work is going on, and many Christians seem eager to know how to read the Bible.

Hazel Bennett,
E. Marjorie McCrory.

JHELUM

The long hours Evva Hartig spent in Good Samaritan Hospital and the multitude of varied opportunities she had for service during the year deserve a long report. She left on furlough in December. My only connection with the hospital during the summer was in the morning prayers with nurses and patients. Attendance is voluntary for patients, and it was good to find most of those who were able to come present daily. The blind Bible Woman talks to the women who come to the dispensary and usually gives a message to the ward patients.

Miss Charles, the lady doctor, was compelled to leave in April because of illness and four months passed before another doctor was secured. Patients continued to come and the Civil Surgeon and an India doctor kindly made visits when called.

A government grant of Rs. 1000 made possible the completion of a service room which was needed in connection with the Lady Irwin Ward.

In the homes of the city I have heard much praise of service rendered in the hospital. Some have witnessed to spiritual as well as physical help.

For six years there has been no woman in Jhelum city or District with an M.D. degree—missionary or otherwise. The government Medical Inspector has repeatedly called attention to the need of our hospital for a better qualified doctor. Efforts have been made to get an Indian doctor with a higher degree, but more desirable positions are always open to them and they choose Mission hospitals where there is opportunity to work with a foreign doctor with skill in surgery, or government hospitals offering higher salaries. Plans have recently been made by government to open a Women's Department this year in connection with the Civil Hospital and place a fully qualified woman doctor in charge. This means that if Good Samaritan Hospital does not have a Missionary doctor, the number of patients who have been entering its gates in recent years will greatly decrease.

In doing the evangelistic work in Jhelum city the Bible woman took me to the many homes where women or girls had once been pupils in the Mission school now closed. Visits were made to homes visited by former missionaries in Jhelum. Since 1933 the superintendent of Good Samaritan Hospital was the only missionary resident in this place until last summer. The lament was often voiced that there is now no Mission school. It was a joy to see the influence the teaching of Jesus Christ had in the life and thought of women and girls, but also saddening to realize that where Christ's light has shone He is not acknowledged and honored as the *only* Lord and Redeemer. The missionary seems welcome in more homes than can be visited regularly. There are those who know the truth and acknowledge Christ to be the Truth, but realizing the meaning of "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution", refuse to harbor the thought of taking an open stand among His followers. It is a pleasure to see the welcome given to the Bible woman, Mrs. Jai Singh, who has gone regularly about the city and given the message of Christ. Often she is greeted with the words, "Respected mother, your coming brings me great joy, but why do you not come oftener?"

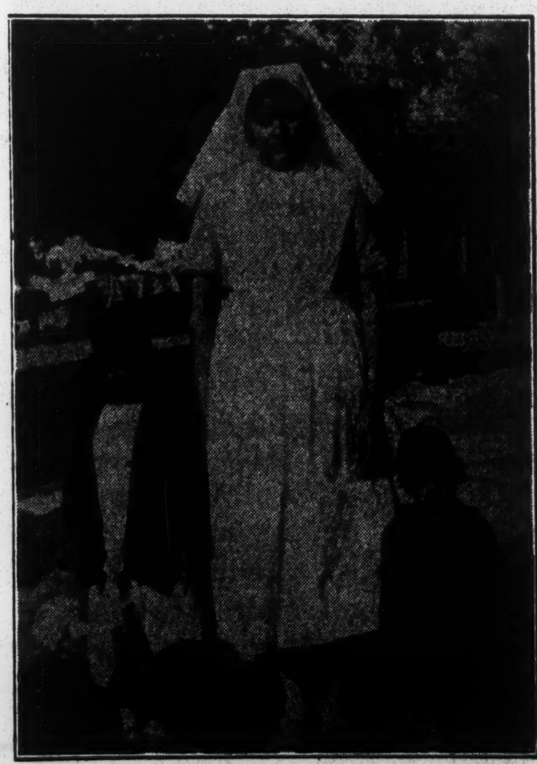
Two groups of Christian girls have been making encouraging progress in learning to read the primer which is in truth the "key to knowledge" to many Punjabi women and girls this year. Their interest in reading has resulted in increased attendance in church services and encouraged the heart of our young pastor.

Lillian A. McConnell.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

A very full and interesting three months have just been completed in Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum.

Every day we have had over one hundred patients in the outdoor dispensary, and until the past few weeks, thirty in-door patients. We have a very small staff, and many nights our two staff nurses at the



A student nurse with two of the children.

end of a busy day have worked with me for many hours. The following morning they arose at the usual time, somewhat tired, but with bright and happy faces. I do believe the nurses have the spiritual welfare of the patients at heart, and try to reflect His love in their daily walk in the hospital.

The children's ward has fourteen babies at the present time. Sometimes as I plan their meals for the day, and try to use "hand-me-downs" to the best advantage; settle disputes, rebuke, chasten and admonish I have great sympathy with the old woman who lived in the shoe and who "spanked them all soundly and sent them to bed."

Yesterday, I was presented with an eight-pound, one-day-old Muslim baby boy. The man who gave him to me thought I should be overjoyed when he said, "Take him and make a Christian of him." However, as my mind wandered to the already over-crowded Children's Ward, I could not muster any enthusiasm at all. We have called the new baby Stephen.

The children are a source of pleasure and profit, not only for us who work in the hospital but for the women who come day after day to see the children eat, sleep and play. They ask questions about the care of babies that makes me realize Indian women now know the importance of child hygiene.

Each morning as I sit at prayers with the nurses and children of our hospital family I think of Christ and His great love for all the peoples of the world. Before me sit former Mohammedans, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians—now all are one in Christ Jesus. May this Good Samaritan Hospital be a Bethel where He delights to dwell.

Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N.

LYALLPUR

A little Hindu school girl, much astonished, came asking the question, "Do Christians give abuse?" Inquiry was made and it was found that Alice, a large domineering Christian woman had given vile abuse at the water tap just outside the school gate. She was told the effect of this on the Hindu child. Alice began to think. As a result she decided to begin reading the new adult primer. Daily she came for her lesson and in two months was reading the New Testament. One day she kissed the Book. I asked her why, and she replied, "Because I love it so. I do not know how, but some way Christ has come into my heart and I am so happy." Other women in the basti have remarked about the change in Alice. Now twenty of them come to school learning to read the primer. In other sections of the city are other adult classes.

Our average attendance has increased thirty, and we have added the fifth teacher. So there is a teacher and a class without a room. In summer they sit under a shade of straw mats. When it is not so hot they sit under a tree, and in winter in the sunshine. Fortunately for us it seldom rains.

The splendid co-operation of the teachers in the Martinpur school has been a joy, and they have been able to settle most of the school problems themselves. In the summer they conducted classes for adults with fifty women enrolled. They will start again now that cotton picking is over. Some of the women are able to read the Gospel of Mark and twenty of the Psalms.

In Martinpur prayer meetings have been held in the church morning and evening daily throughout the year. The pastor just remarked how well people have been coming out at six these cold winter mornings. A Mohammedan women brought her sick child wrapped in a blanket that prayer might be made in the church for him.

Kathryn Beattie,

One of the chief efforts of the year has been in the adult literacy campaign. February was spent in Hari Singh Wala where a number started on the primer. This was followed in June by a week at the Mission compound for those women and girls who could come, and by a number of visits to the village. Some are reading Mark and the metrical Psalms.

A week was spent in the Jangli villages near the Chenab River, when Sangla and Lyallpur joined forces for an intensive Evangelistic campaign. About 500 gospel portions were sold, and hundreds heard the message, many for the first time. We plan to spend two weeks there later.

A church was dedicated on Christmas Day, the largest in the district, and filled to the farthest corner for the dedication. A few days later the Communion service in that new building was the quietest, most reverent one I have seen in India, with the possible exception of that at Sialkot Convention. A real hush from God fell on that crowd.

In one camp a fine communicants' class of women and girls gathered every night. At the Communion service thirty women and girls were among the fifty-three new members of the Church. The credit for their preparation goes to a fifth class girl who is in Sangla Hill school.

In another village we were much interested last year in a lovely baby girl, who was her mother's special joy since two other babies had died in infancy. This year we were grieved to see evidence of idolatrous practices, for little Zinat's long matted hair marked her as one who had been devoted to the gods that her life might be spared. Imagine our joy when on Sabbath evening at that camp, the mother cut Zinat's hair herself, and said she would hereafter trust the Lord Jesus to keep her baby.

Frances E. Brown.

PASPUR AND BADOMALI

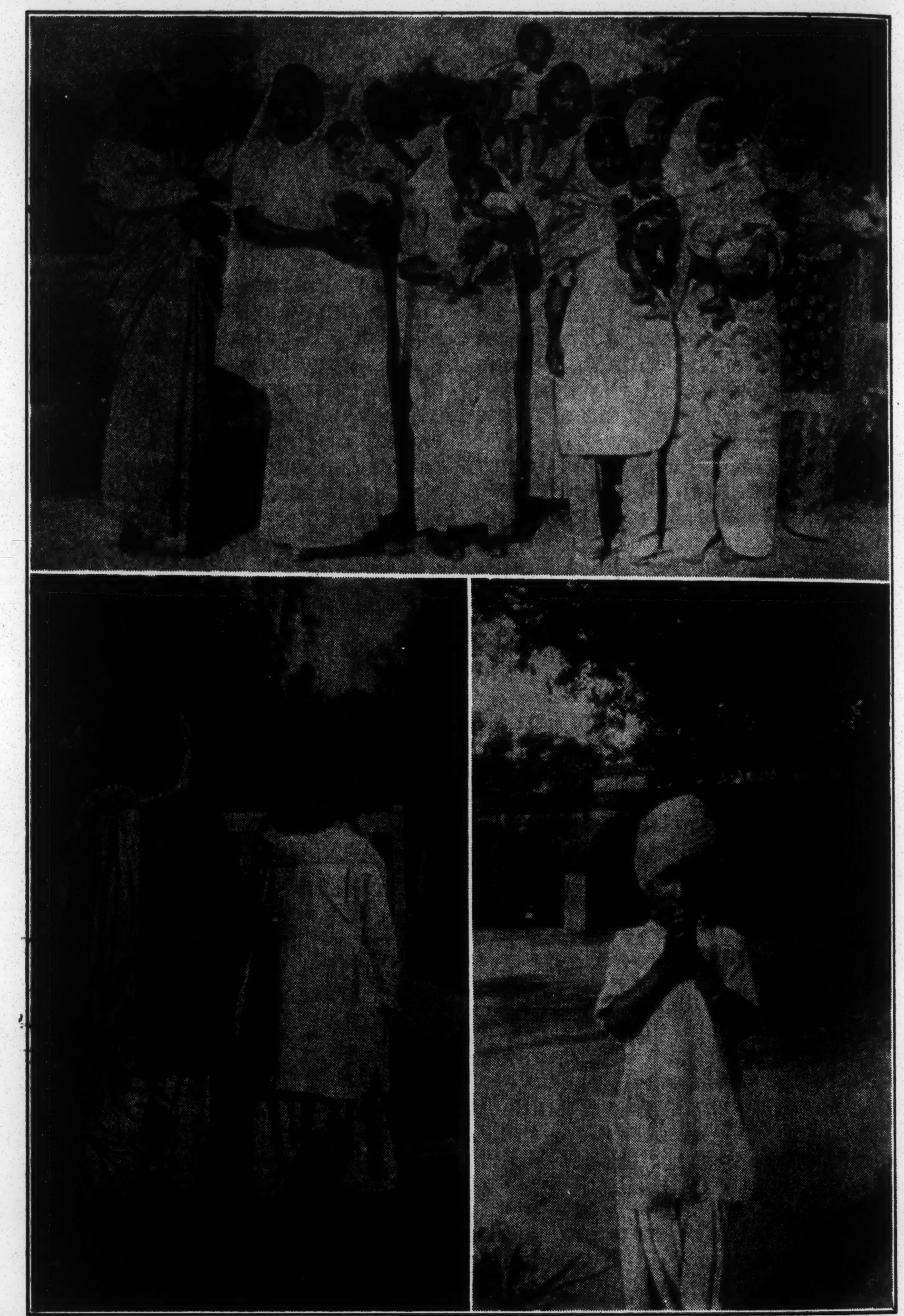
The Pasrur Boarding School closes the year with an enrollment of 324. Because of lack of funds due to receiving only fifty per cent of our earned government grant, we culled out nearly twenty boarders. Others of their own volition did not return, so our number of boarders was reduced from 184 to 150. The increased fees for every class accounted for some of the loss.

In April three cousins came from the village where Ditt, the first low caste convert, lived. Two of these were blind, and were added to the class in which the little boy had been working alone for almost a year. The younger girl and little boy are making wonderful progress. Both can read the Gospels and write. Knitting is being added to their accomplishments this winter.

The health of the school has been good, but we did have an epidemic of itch which has been rampant in the Punjab. At one time thirty-five were scratching! How others did try to get bodies, clothes, bedding and even beds thoroughly cleaned up! We are not yet altogether free from it.

During the year ten exceptionally fine girls united with the church. They are daily proving their love for their Lord. Nearly all of them belong to the group that is trying to learn to speak the truth.

A Mohammedan boy who finished our fourth class several years ago and is now in the ninth class in the local High School has been coming to us for some time saying that he wishes to become a Christian. When



SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME

First picture: Babies baptized on the same Sabbath in the Sheikhupura Church. Second picture: Hindu girl wife of seven on left with Christian girl friend, both students at Sargodha G. B. S. (see report). Third picture: Each student in Pasrur School says "Good Morning" to his teacher.

he takes his public stand for Christ he will be the first fruit among our non-Christian pupils.

Since September the teachers and I have been meeting each evening for a half hour of prayer on behalf of our school and congregation. We are rejoicing in some very special answers, and are being led of the Spirit to see more clearly our own needs.

Dora B. Whitely.....

In the White Memorial Hospital we have many opportunities to give the gospel message, and to show what the Christian standard of honesty and kindness should be. Our Bible woman, Mrs. Maggar Dass, is a lovely Christian character, and I am sure that her face is an inspiration to those to whom she presents the message.

One day the station master from a nearby town came to ask the doctor to examine his wife, and write a certificate to the effect that his transfer to another place should be delayed because of his wife's physical condition. In the course of the conversation he intimated that certain doctors often wrote the certificates without seeing the patients. I assured him that we were Christians, and only the truth would be written.

One day a tubercular case came to our dispensary. She had come with the intention of remaining in the hospital. Because she was a hopeless case we did not wish to admit her, but her husband had abandoned her in the city, and as she was both sick and weary, there was no other course open except to keep her. Before her death she required a great deal of attention as no relatives came to care for her, or even to be with her when death came, but her helplessness when deserted by them gave us an opportunity to "give unto one of these little ones a drink of cold water in the name of a disciple", and to remember that "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Marie E. Cash.

After our happy furlough we are now in the work of Pasrur and Badomali districts. We took over from Roma Beatty when she left for America early in November. In these months many times the village women have asked for Roma. "Is she married yet?" "Will she not return to us?"

In December the students and faculty of the Theological Seminary were with us at Kirto for their field work. Each student had one or more villages allotted to him, where he taught five lessons of Synod's Bible Course. Mrs. McConnelee and we were responsible for teaching the women in three villages. On Friday they were very busy getting cleaned up for the examination on Saturday and the Communion service on Sabbath. The Communion was out in the open. Five hundred people from eight villages sat on straw spread over the ground. The men went forward first to be served in groups of about twenty-five. The aluminum cups were not enough and so behind the wall in the pastor's yard we kept washing and handing the clean ones back to be used again. Many non-Christians watching were interested in the nature of the feast.

Waiting for this service, we watched a man comb his little girl's hair. He was doing a thorough job, but it cost the daughter many tears. Her mother had died when Inayat Bibi was a baby so he had to be both father and mother. After service the little village girls came back to camp with us. Inayat Bibi is in the first class of the village school. It was with gladness that she confided that when she entered the second class her father was going to part her hair on the side! It was something to anticipate. Formerly all women parted their hair in the middle, now when new styles call for it to be parted on the side, many of the older people do not approve of this nor allow their girls to do it.

The children at Qila love their school so much that they come before the bell rings. The court yard is well kept and attractive with flower beds. One tree seems to be decorated, but the children have hung their little bundles of lunch on it for safe keeping.

Mary Kyle,
Theresa I. Brownlee.

PATHANKOT

How many people are interested in stopping at our tents as they pass by or go through the camp on their way to or from work! And many curious women and girls make special trips from their homes in the villages out to the camp to look at the Miss Sahibas, to see what kind of clothes they wear, what they have in their tent, and find out what they are doing. Many are willing to sit down and quietly listen to the religious songs we sing and the "Good News" it is such a joy to tell. Opposition to the message is practically never heard. The young Christian women in the villages are taking quite an interest in learning to read. One young mother, whose husband never went a day to school but learned to read by asking help from this person and that, has made rapid progress and is quite the pride of her husband. Her one desire for learning to read was to be able to independently read her Bible without having to wait until her husband could read it for her. Even the mother-in-law is very proud of her daughter-in-law's achievement, but when asked if she herself didn't want to learn to read, she answered "No, what is the use? I learned all those stories years ago and still remember them so why bother trying to read now when I am an old woman and almost blind?" If only more of the women would learn the Bible stories in their youth and remember them until their old age. But how can they learn without teachers? Well taught Christians are sure to be a force for good among their non-Christian neighbors and employers.

Vivian L. Trimble.

Avalon High School opens her doors one week each year to practice teachers from the Normal Training Center in Lahore. A hundred miles is a long way to come for a week of practice, but Pathankot seems a favorite place for the students.

The autumn term opened with a definite realization of loss, for in July Vida Graham had left for America to care for her mother. This winter Willa Ramsey was given a warm welcome when she returned to us.

Girls coming now from our Sialkot Boarding School are better prepared than a few years ago. The English classes there have made this difference.

This fall our two school babies—little orphan girls from the Jhelum Hospital, who have been there since babyhood, entered. They are tiny and are mothered by a great many of the older girls who thoroughly enjoy having the wee ones in their midst. So bright and happy, they have won the hearts of all. They are called Kamla and Resham Good. This as a last name comes from "Good Samaritan Hospital", and is quite fitting for the members of such a loyal family.

When Dr. and Mrs. Taylor visited Dhariwal and were received by the congregation it was encouraging to see so many of the Christian children from both the Boys' and Girls' schools taking part in the welcome from the Juniors. The head mistress of the school for girls has been serving there seven years, and is like a mother to the younger teachers. The busy atmosphere which pervades the place whenever one enters speaks well for the good work being carried on.

Lois M. Buchanan.

The Elliott Dispensary has been working with a staff consisting of a sub-assistant surgeon, a compounder, and a dresser since May. A part-time Indian nurse kept it open and did good work until the staff came. Attendance has increased, especially since summer. We have had several in-patients, although we have no lying-in department. They were from villages and were willing to accommodate themselves to the arrangements offered them, in order to receive treatment.

In June and July the sub-assistant, a Bible woman and I conducted six weekly clinics in Sajanpur, a city of five thousand in the district, and treated over three hundred new patients, besides returns. We have been assured a grant from the District Board to begin January of the new year. This is for clinic work in the district.

The sub-assistant has a nice start raising a special fund for installing electricity in the building. They had great difficulties attending two cases brought to them at night by the light of an oil lantern.

Euphemia Y. Stewart.

RAWALPINDI

In the Rawalpindi Girls' School, reading and writing and arithmetic still occupy most of our time. Multiplication tables are worse than in America going to sixteen because a rupee has sixteen annas. The Girl Guides and Blue Birds are receiving more attention this year due to help from some English ladies. Physical examinations were again made by a local Indian Christian doctor.

I visited in a home after a first grade child had died of typhoid. The mother repeated a song about Christ which she said the little girl had sung during her sickness. It is good to hear the witness these little ones give in their homes. One of our former pupils was sick and she seemed to appreciate so much having me tell Bible stories and sing Psalms that were her favorites in school. One day her mother said, "My daughter said you forgot to pray with her the last time." I had talked so long I had not prayed, but I did not forget again. When she died, the mother sent me word so I went. She later said, "I did not wail and cry as the Mohammedans do for I know it is not right." I felt the true Light had entered this home although they had not confessed Christ before the world.

Ulfat. Leper Home, Rawalpindi.

At the Leper Asylum the children attend my Sabbath School class especially well before and after Christmas! Eighteen small boys are playing marbles received as gifts. Perhaps seeds of vanity were introduced into the small girls' hearts by new strings of beads. Ulfat, a little girl with leprosy in one foot, is rather a pet. In spite of having entered the Home without relatives she is always cheerful and happy.

Evelyn Cathcart.

In this very live congregation of eight hundred members scarcely twenty women can be called literate. Here is scope for a new type of Bible school, not for training Bible women, but for all sorts of women who want to read and understand their Bibles, and to be used of Christ in bringing His message of salvation to their neighbors.

The urgent invitation of the pastor opened our eyes to this new aspect of our Lord's plan. So the Bible School was planned with two departments, one for a limited number of resident students and neighbor women on the Mission compound, where Mrs. Mary Samuel has charge of the living arrangements of the resident students; the other out in the various sections of the Congregation's territory, under the direction of the Church. After a brief survey we decided to begin the latter work in Adaran, a distant section, conducting classes there two afternoons a week. Our regular students will assist in teaching the women to read, and we shall give a Bible Course planned by a Church committee.

The opening day of the School I walked into the class room and five eager young women rose from their low stools to greet me. As I looked into their faces the past three years came crowding back, and a paean of praise welled up to Him who has faithfully led on to this.

A leading man of the congregation came to make arrangements for his wife to study in the school. The next day she herself came and after the lesson, she said, "Miss Sahiba-ji, I could just skip and dance for joy. You don't know how I have prayed for such an opportunity and now all this is the answer!" No, I didn't know, nor do I know to how many more prayers will continue to be the answer. But this I do know, that even as it owes its conception and birth to your prayers and ours, so it must owe its growth and fruitfulness to those same continued prayers.

Marian T. Peterson.

SANGLA HILL

In the Sangla Hill Boarding School the enrollment (140) is the smallest for many years. This is due to the shortage in funds, both from America and government grant, and also to the increase in fees. The people are generally so poor that many of them cannot find the small amount required for admission.

Since none of the girls go home for Christmas it is the custom of the school for each of the seven cottages to prepare a program to be used during the vacation. This is done entirely by the girls, and how well they prepared and executed their programs this year! These programs not only give pleasure to all, but the time spent in preparation keeps them more free from the power of the evil one.

The Christian women teachers of the Punjab held their annual conference here in November. For this group of one hundred, a committee of girls supervised by two teachers, catered. It means much work to entertain this group, but teachers and girls who were on committees thought it a great honor. The Conference left a gift of Rs. ten for a treat for the girls. In due time the report came that they wanted five rupees put into their Thank Offering and five rupees sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The children remained firm in their decision, for said they, "We shall have plenty at Christmas time and shall need no more to eat." They who have so little gave their whole gift to help others. They proved that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

All of the twelve girls who went up for the eighth class government examination passed. Of these, five are now in the Normal at Sialkot.

During the year forty-five girls confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were admitted to the church. They can never forget that new experience when they partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time.

Flora J. Jameson.

One Sabbath after a village service his little seventeen-year-old mother brought Bickram to us. He had been badly burned three days before when he and his ten-year-old uncle had been warming themselves in front of the open fire. In trying to add wood to the fire the little uncle had upset the pot of boiling rice water on them both, burning his own legs and Bickram's arms and legs.

We arranged that they come daily to our camp for dressings and soon their terrible burns began to show improvement. Moving day we decided to take them and Sardaran, the mother, with us. For several weeks they stayed with us, and every day they improved. When we went back to the house we gave Bickram his first tub bath. He wasn't at all sure that he liked it but he did look so cute, all clean and shining, decked out in some American baby's cast-off dress.

Just before we moved to their village this year we heard that Bickram was "drying up". When we got there and saw what they said was Bickram, well, we just couldn't believe it! Bickram was literally starving to death, and he screamed with terror if a stranger went near him. We began to feed him warm milk at the camp twice a day, and sent it to his house between times. Within twenty minutes of his first meal the baby showed a change. That evening as soon as he neared the tent he began to whimper like a starved pup—he reached for the glass of milk as soon as he saw it and was soon demanding more.

When we moved he watched our tents come down with big, sad eyes.

What's left of Bickram.

We hope he will pull through a second time and live to make us all happy. Bicky is only one of the countless little sufferers in this great land of Hindustan. Our Christmas present to Bickram was MILK.

Grace N. Ransom.

SARGODHA

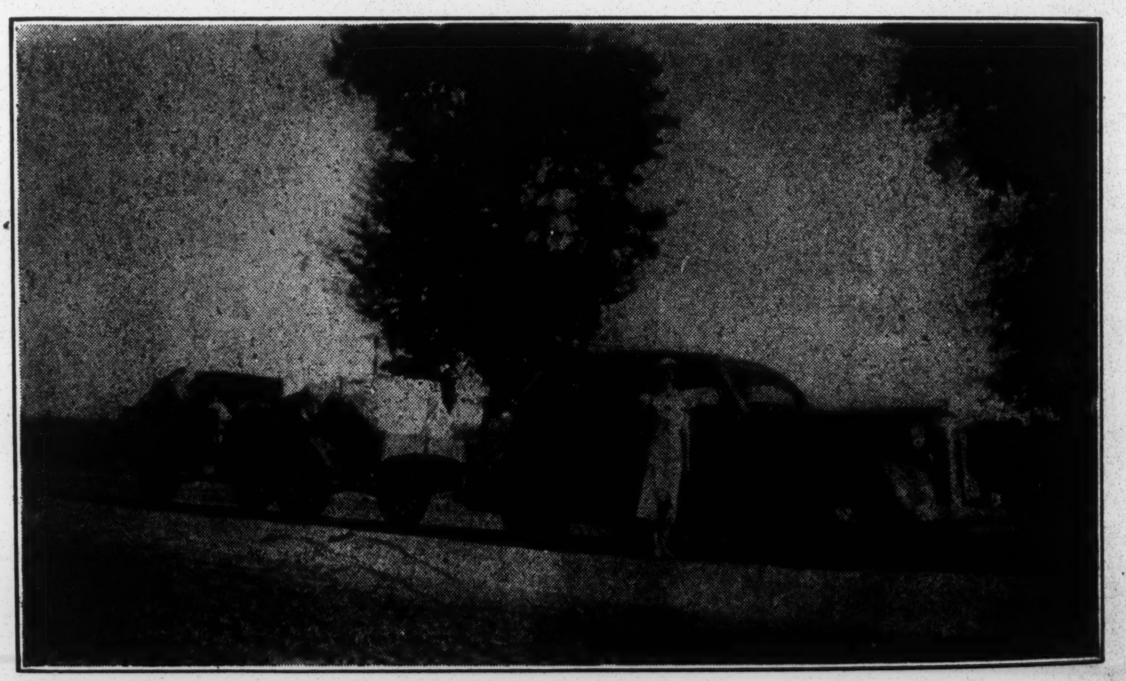
The annual visitation of the district missionaries to each group of village Christians was our work for four months. Meetings were usually held in the door-yard of the leading Christian with the pastor or District missionary in charge. The Christians sat humbly and reverently on the ground; outside visitors were honored by seats on beds; non-Christian friends stood on the outskirts or perched on low walls nearby. Before or after the formal meeting there was time for friendly visiting with the women, teaching, prayer and singing. Many times oriental hospitality could not be refused and refreshments were included in the visit.

Evangelistic Campaign Week we made a special effort to carry the gospel to non-Christians and to enlist the help of Christians in the work. We went to several villages with groups of Christian women. On the whole we were well received. Many gospel portions were sold.

At the June *jelsa* village Christian women came to our compound for two days of spiritual refreshment and a frolic as well. Miss Hakim Khan, a teacher of experience, was the chief speaker. She spoke so understandingly of the daily life and needs of the people that her words were remembered and repeated by her hearers after their return to humdrum life. Pictures were purchased to adorn the mud walls and to be daily reminders of the lessons.

At the Thank Offering service our Bible woman presided. After the address in Urdu, Mrs. Mills J. Taylor spoke in English and her message was translated by a leading Christian who holds the post of Municipal Secretary. The large church, so tastefully decorated, was filled with an attractive audience.

Now we are in camp at Bhera. Yesterday our guide stopped before a house whose second story jutted out over the street. She called up;



Sangla Camp on the move.

a voice answered and presently the door opened. We climbed the narrowest stairway. It opened into a small room, spotlessly clean and inviting. The mistress was a short, plump woman with a cheerful, intelligent face. Neighbors and friends came in until we had an audience of nine. They listened well.

When the talk was ended the woman took down from the shelf a beautiful samovar of brass which she showed with pride. It had been brought, she said, from Kabul by her husband on one of his journeys. He had been a merchant, making regular trips to Kabul. On the last of these an enemy had pushed him over the cliff to his death. She wept as she told this. When we left she urged us to come again, and we departed to the accompaniment of tears and smiles.

Kate E. Spencer,
Ruth A. Warnock.

MARY B. REED HOSPITAL

As we review the work of the hospital our hearts are filled with gratitude to God. We had a daily average of ninety patients as compared with sixty-one last year. In the hospital 38 babies were born, the largest number we have ever had. Seven Bibles, thirty-nine New Testaments and nearly a thousand portions of Scripture were sold and hundreds of tracts given away.

Many interesting meetings were held in the clinics and wards. Our new pharmacist has a separate meeting with women from Afghanistan as she knows their language. They come to us largely in the winter and return to their hilly home for the hot season.

A girl who has attended our clinic from boyhood and who now is engaged to be married, said, "Where would we all be if it were not for Jesus?" and in the beginning of her comments on the lesson she called Jesus "the Lord Jesus Christ."

A police officer's wife who lives near a large hospital here came to us for her baby case. She said her husband had asked her to go to the nearest hospital, but she said, "No, I was a patient in the Mission Hospital, and I want to go there." She was next to a Christian policeman's wife, but she showed no signs that she was her superior in any way.

We have an in-patient from Afghanistan who was sold by her brother to a very old Mohammedan man for $1000. She knows Punjabi and listens very attentively to the Gospel messages, often rebuking other patients for their stupidity in not being able to tell the stories or answer the questions that are put to them. She says she has given up the veil. "If one's heart is clean," she says, "a veil for the face is not necessary." She will never be allowed to go back to her own country.

With a private room patient is her little new co-wife, who is treated as a daughter. Out of five children only one girl is alive, so the husband took another wife hoping that she will bare him a son. Thus wives are still bought and sold in the Punjab.

Frances Lincoln.

If you were to peep into the Girls' school now, you would see a little Mohammedan and a Christian boy cleaning and dusting the Prayer Room. One day the Mohammedan boy said to his mother, "Mother, why are you so sad? Why don't you go to the Prayer Room, kneel down and pray to God, and He will take your burdens away." Another day he said, "If you would go to Sabbath School you would hear good things, and you would feel much better." This boy is in the first grade. "A little child shall lead them."

We have a seven-year-old Hindu girl in the first grade who was married when a baby. Her child husband is also seven. Our fourth class Hindu boy was engaged last summer, and will probably be married this summer.

Barkate, a first grade girl, received thirty cents in her Christmas letter from home. She said, "I want to give four cents for a thank offering because I was promoted to the first division of the first class. I did not have money at that time, so I will give the offering now." She was promoted a couple of months ago, and last week was promoted to the second grade, so again she gave a Thank offering from her few coppers.

Betsey Fleming,

SIALKOT

In Sialkot District there are at least seventeen adults reading the New Testament who had not started to read a year ago. A number of others are still reading the primer and soon they too will be reading their Bibles.

Our camp at Sohdreke is characteristic of our work in the winter months. Every afternoon we visited two villages taking the message to both Christians and non-Christians. The forenoons were used in teaching those who came to us and three evenings a week we had classes for the Christians in Sohdreke. The teacher and his wife helped with this. My motor driver taught the men; the teacher had the boys. One Bible woman had the girls, another a class of women; and Miss Peterson another class of women. I was superintendent. After the teaching of the lesson one from each class had the opportunity to recite before the whole group. How interested they all were and how hard they tried to learn! They learned several new Psalms and songs and sang them with great gusto.

When we left Sohdreke all expressed their gratitude for our coming. The teacher rejoiced over the change in the lives of some of the Christian women. They had refused to give to Hindu and Mohammedan holy men as they had done before and had taken off the charms they were wearing and had stopped other superstitious rites. Non-Christians were also showing real interest after having heard the Word.

Helen Artman.

Bang! Bang! I awakened to hear one water jar after another being smashed on the brick terrace in the courtyard of the Girls' Boarding School in Sialkot. In this way the boarders manifested their joy in the prospect of going home after ten months of school life. The need for water jars was nearly over and those possessing them donated them to the celebration. But all the girls did not have homes. The other boarding schools sent their orphans so we had a family of twenty. Miss Sarah Daulat Masih, one of our most valued teachers, mothered the group for two happy months. They cooked, washed, cleaned, sewed, and still had time to sing and play.

There was added interest in preparing for the wedding of one of the older girls. For a whole week before the wedding they gathered each evening to sing to the bride and to carry out the village customs. The girls eagerly awaited the coming of the groom and his party and were quite disappointed when only he and his mother arrived. However there was plenty of excitement decorating the hall and helping prepare the dinner under Miss Daulat Masih's supervision. The bride's pastor from Pasrur performed the ceremony and very soon after the dinner the bridal party started for Dhariwal, leaving a lonely little group of girls.

Then seventy-five teachers from our schools came for a refresher course. Now Miss Daulat Masih had little time for orphans having the big responsibility of catering for these guests. She did that in the same efficient way she does her school work. As head of the student council, she has a special gift for getting to the root of disciplinary problems and suggesting constructive punishments.

Two little Muslims were haptized this summer, the mother attended the service, sitting with her little ones and arranging their head-dress before they went forward to stand with their father and brother. The mother is not yet a believer. A teacher in a T. B. Sanatorium for over a year has returned home restored to health. Khurshid, our Muslim day pupil who comes from a bigoted family, is still asking for baptism.

Willa M. Ramsey,
Jane Lamont.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SIALKOT

A busy year has just passed and five years at the New Memorial Hospital are completed. Our statistics show an increase in patients both in the Indoor and Outdoor departments. Our surgical department has been especially busy with 150 major operations and over 5000 majors and minors together.

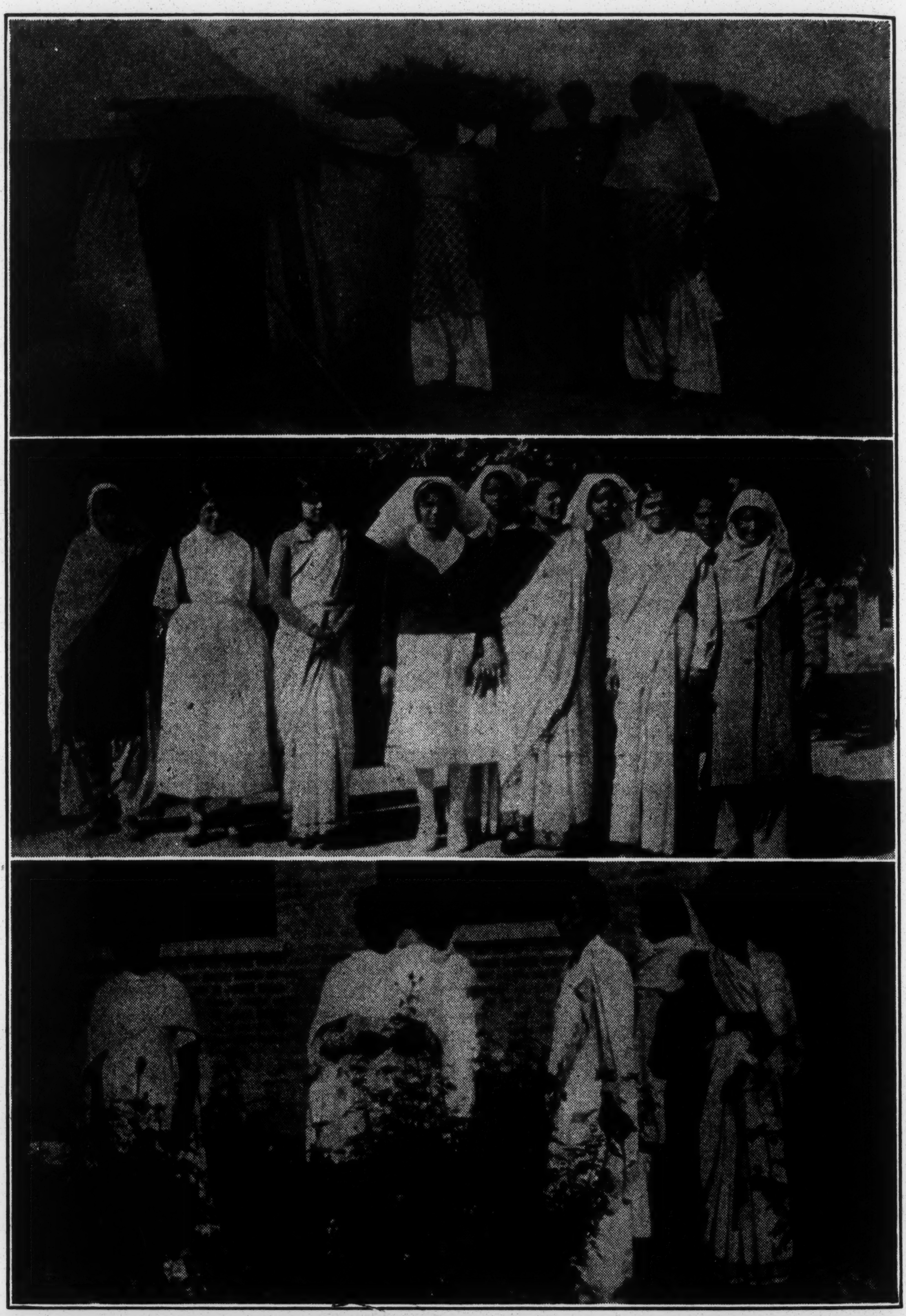
We were fortunate in having with us an Australian nurse for six months. Miss Turner devoted her time almost entirely to the surgical department and made us realize the great value of having a full time qualified nurse in charge. One of our urgent needs is more nurses of the standard of our Missionary nurses. As yet India has produced very few. This year Miss Porter came from Taxila for the summer to keep our training school going. Since October, Miss McKelvey has been with us and is now appointed as a missionary nurse in our hospital.

During my furlough, Dr. Bramson of Denmark took charge of the hospital work. She is an ardent Christian as well as a keen surgeon. Unfortunately she was called home in May because of her mother's illness. It was difficult to find a doctor to replace her as Indian qualified doctors are scarce. To help out during vacation we employed two Hindu doctors as assistants.

In Kashmir I met a young refugee from Germany who came to India as a tutor to an English officer's son. He was a medical man and anxious to get back into hospital work. It was a God-given opportunity both to show Christian love to the persecuted Jews of Germany and to get a well trained doctor for Sialkot. He came back to Sialkot with me and helped us during the hot months of August and September. It was a new experiment—having a man doctor in a purdah (veiled woman's) hospital. But the experiment worked so well that the Mission later at Annual Meeting appointed him to further work. Dr. Hamburger will come back to us April 1st, when Dr. Sharp, who has just returned from furlough, goes to Jhelum hospital.

We have gone out a number of times this winter for village dispensary work. We take staff and medicines in the Station Wagon and set up a clinic where the district missionaries are camping. People come all day from the surrounding villages, and take away with them the Gospel message as well as a bit of medicine.

Since Pasrur hospital has been made a branch of Sialkot, I have been making bi-monthly visits there. The Indian assistant is a great granddaughter of old Kanaya, our first convert. She gathers special cases she wants me to see or help operate. Patients that need major surgery or more special treatment, I bring back in our ambulance. I cannot conclude my report without



First picture: Evangelistic team Sialkot District. Miss Peterson, Miss Artman and their two Bible Women. Second picture: Dispensary Staff Sialkot Hospital. Third picture: Staff of Girls' Boarding School, Sargodha.

giving a word of tribute to the wonderful service our station wagon has given us. This year it has covered 10,000 miles as an ambulance, staff bus, traveling dispensary, and general utility car. Among this year's many visitors who traveled in it have been Miss Anna Milligan, Dr. and Mrs. Mills Taylor, Dr. Collins and Dr. Skellie.

This evangelistic program of our hospital includes work by all our staff. One woman came from Lahore for a very serious operation. She said she had come because she knew we could pray for her. She went to the operation table with perfect calmness after we had stood around her and prayed for her in the name of Christ.

Last week a Mohammedan woman begged us to pray for her brother, a doctor in Peshawar, who had cut himself and gotten blood poisoning. We prayed every day. Then word came that he was better. She said, "I know Christ did this for me."

A well educated Hindu merchant asked one of our nurses to pray at his dying wife's bedside. He told me afterward that it was such a beautiful prayer that a vision of Jesus Christ came to him and from that moment he was no longer a Hindu in his heart.

Such witnessing means that the seed is taking root and growing. God is using the hospital as His instrument in this great missionary enterprise.

R. C. Hunsberger, M.D.

ZAFARWAL

This year I visited in eighty-five homes in Zafarwal. Some of these calls were made with Mrs. Bhagan, the Bible woman. She reports five hundred fifty-one visits made in the town and nearby villages. A young woman bought a gospel portion much against her grandmother's will. While the grandmother was insisting that she return the book, the young woman's husband came in. He bought another portion and said that they would take them home and read them.

Four days a month have been spent on Temperance work. Leaflets have to be planned in Urdu, Hindi, and Gurmukhi. Quarterly supplements are printed and sent out with four Christian periodicals of the Punjab, two of which are our own church papers.

There is a great deal of contrast in the various groups of Christians in the villages. In one place we were ushered into a dirty courtyard. In time a group of men, women and children gathered on the ground in front of us. During the service they made very little sign of understanding. There was much confusion with people going back and forth and in and out the courtyard gate, and people's talking, and babies' crying. None of the women could read and probably none of the men. A little girl of supposedly Christian parents had her hair matted with manure. We asked the mother why this was done, and she said it just got that way. When we told her that was impossible, she said it was for God's sake. The mother is evidently still an idol worshipper. Some of the children wore charms around their necks.

But at another village we were happy as we entered the quarters to see big courtyards and large houses clean with fresh mud plaster. A very unusual sight was a rope swing hanging from the limb of a big tree. The doorway of one house had elaborate carving in the style of centuries ago. Brass vessels were shining on the shelf and the earthen storage bins were full of grain. Homespun covers were spread on the ground for the people to sit on. These people had sent their children to school and some of the fathers could read. We reminded them that the prosperity which they were enjoying was evidence of God's blessing because the old father who had died some years ago had been a faithful elder and a tither.

Margaret Fehlman,
Helen V. Weede.

SARA DAUGHERTY BIBLE WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL AND BASHIR UL NISWAN

In the Sara Daugherty Training School the Book of Acts was chosen for study. Assignments were made some months in advance and in April, thirty Bible women came together for ten days of study and fellowship in Sialkot. They had made good use of the assignment and had note books prepared for the class work. Homes in Sialkot City and nearby villages were reached with the Gospel message. Young, ambitious girls worked with mature and well trained women, all having a profitable time. Request was made for two assignments this year, so questions on Jonah were mailed out. Nearly all made a careful study and sent in answers. Some of our older women are spiritually qualified for their work, yet are barely literate. To give written answers to questions requiring analysis is real mental exertion for them. They proved their resourcefulness by enlisting help from their relatives and the finished product was most gratifying. Our helpers greatly appreciate this school. We regret to say that funds for carrying it on are almost exhausted.

In the work of editing "Bashir ul Niswan" material for missionary meetings, a special program for Children's Day, and the program for the World Day of Prayer have been published. The son of the Mianwali Home Missionary has for three months provided an interesting Bible Contest for the Children's page, giving prizes to the winners from his own pocket money. Other children are now offering to do something of the same kind, and we hope this will incline the children toward reading. This is now the only Christian paper for women published in Urdu. The Methodist organ was discontinued after December. Our September issue was composed entirely of Christian songs collected by the Presbyterial correspondents. Financially we are slowly moving toward self-support.

Kate E. Spencer.

The Year in Egypt

AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL MARTHA J. McKOWN MEMORIAL TANTA, EGYPT

Statistical Report for Year 1938

Number of Patients Admitted

Men	551
Women	534
Children	237
	1322

Nationalities

Egyptian	1088
American	150
Syrian	28
British	22
Greek	18
Jew	7
Armenian	4
French	2
Italian	2
Sudanese	1
	1322

Religions

Moslem	718
Protestant	341
Coptic	207
Greek Orthodox	33
Roman Catholic	16
Jewish	7
	1322

No. Towns and Villages Represented by Patients	199
Villages Visited by Evangelists in Follow-up Work	105
Homes Visited by Evangelists	406

No. Missionaries and Missionaries' Children in Hospital	111
Total No. Hospital Days for Same	854
Surgery for Same	13
Examination and Treatment	42
Examination Only	56

Finances

Income From the Work	$17,277.98
Donations	1,197.68
Appropriation	9,500.00
Total Receipts	$27,975.66
Total Expenditure	27,960.58
Balance	$ 15.08

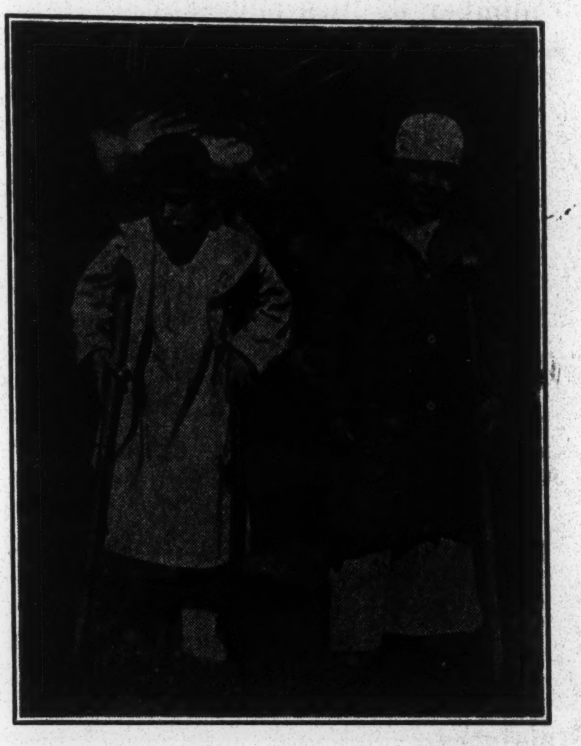
Numbers alone do not tell the story of any year's work, but they do show much that interests us and they form a guide in evaluating the work.

The upward curve in the number of admissions during the past five years, has continued and in 1938 we admited 261 more patients than in 1937. The hospital income from fees increased $2,300. It is good to see such increases. We want to see them continue and are confident that they will if we can continue to improve the quality of our service.

Two years ago I was privileged to spend two months in study in Vienna. Last year Dr. Saigh, our assistant spent three months there. This work has improved our X-ray, diagnostic, and surgical work and the results are becoming apparent in the increased number of difficult surgical cases who come to us and go out cured. There has been a gratifying increase in the amount of major surgery done in first and second classes, with corresponding increase in income. The last year also shows a gratifying increase in the number of obstetrical cases cared for in the hospital. Since many of these came in private rooms, this too has been a source of increased income.

Increases in numbers and income are indicative of a healthy state of affairs but they do not represent the chief object of our work. The third class wards have been filled all the year. The poor have been fed and clothed, the sick healed, and all have received the daily message of Christ's redeeming love.

Two little boys, ten and eleven years old, were with us all last summer. (See picture). Both had enjoyed the tender ministrations (?) of the same village doctor and both came to us suffering from far advanced disease of the bone of the left leg. In each case, the entire bone had to be removed and long months of treatment with splints and braces were necessary in order to get restoration without deformity. When finally they left, they were both healed, renewed in body and again able to face life. These two and more than a thousand others have been in the hospital, have lived for once in a Christian atmosphere, have gone out again into the thronging multitude. This year 1938 has added its quota to the procession of those who through the years have gone out from here after receiving



These two boys face life anew, thanks to our hospital at Tanta.

such help as we could give them. Can anyone measure the result?

During the year several improvements have been made on the property. We have found that in the rush of the summer months we were obliged to use the balconies to add to the ward space. At one time last summer we had beds along both north and south verandas of the men's ward. When we have beds outdoors it naturally increases the number of flies and sanitary problems become acute. To care for this, we have enclosed the south veranda with glass and wire screening. At a cost of about $300 we have increased our bed capacity by ten and added much to the cleanliness and efficiency of the ward.

A gift provided through Rev. William Orr made possible the purchase of a modern operating room light which is now installed and has already improved our efficiency in removing stones and doing other things where visibility is often poor. Dr. Moore has recently directed the painting of all the exterior wood work of the three hospital buildings. They now look clean and new. In this country wooden doors and shutters are quickly destroyed by heat and damp unless kept well painted.

The government school beside us built a new wall between their property and ours. Indirectly they have much improved the appearance of the hospital entrance without cost to us.

A gift from America allowed us to purchase a portable X-ray that has helped greatly in our fracture work. Another gift provided us a beginning of an Arabic library. The books are in the care of the evangelistic workers and are loaned by them to patients and workers who can read. In the two months since we started, the library has been a very real blessing.

A year ago we were pleading for a new doctor to be appointed. Dr. Frank Thompson was sent out last fall and we are greatly rejoiced. He is a promising young man and his wife a most acceptable woman with nurse's training. We hoped that he would have completed a good part of his missionary preparation and be ready to assume a share of responsibility in the hospital when my furlough is due in May. But he has been hindered by illness and will not immediately be able to carry a heavy load. This leaves a staff with too great a burden but we still look forward to the day when Dr. Thompson can take his place in the hospital.

Dr. Saigh has done good work and has made himself an important place with us. It is a great help to be able to ask him to do a piece of work and then leave it to him confident that it will be well done.

Miss Jean Friend of Philadelphia is the latest addition to our nursing staff. One of our Egyptian nurses went home to Khartoum but we have added two more of the graduates of the training school in Assuit. Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R. N., having been repeatedly refused permission to return to Ethiopia, has been definitely appointed to Egypt and Association confirmed her assignment to Tanta.

The evangelistic staff has remained the same as for some years. The Rev. W. B. Jamison who supervises that work goes on furlough in May. The Rev. Willis McGill has been appointed to Tanta and will give some of his time to this work. It is always a source of joy to hear Mr. Murcus or Miss Miriam telling stories of the interest displayed by this patient or that as the Word was preached.

Mr. Murcus tells of a fanatical Mohammedan man who had made up his mind before entering the ward that he would avoid our religion. That evening the group was singing from the 70th Psalm, "Make haste, oh my God, to deliver", when this man, Sayyed, raised such a commotion that nobody could sing or listen either. Mr. Murcus stopped and asked everyone to be quiet. Then he read the words of the song and appealed to the other patients, "Is this what you want, or is it not? Do you want to ask God to help you?" All replied that they did. There was no need of further rebuke from the evangelist. The man's fellows saw to it that he kept quiet and he was ashamed. Strangely enough two others in the ward who had been indifferent now decided that there must be something they were missing so their interest was aroused. Eventually even the trouble maker himself became a willing listener.

One of Miss Miriam's stories is of a very wealthy fanatical woman who came to the hospital only because she was in dire distress from an abscess. She was a severe diabetic and had failed to find any help outside. She was of the rather rare Egyptian women who engage in formal prayers and consider themselves very holy. She was not willing to receive the Bible woman in her room and as she was in a private room, she did not hear the message for some days. Finally when she was able to be out on the veranda she met Miss Miriam and she herself started the conversation with the challenge, "You have three gods, and we know that there is only one God and Mohammed is his prophet." Miriam assured her that we too believe that there is one God, and one only.

"Do the doctors believe as you do?"

"Yes, they too are Christians and they too believe in one God."

"Does it say in your Book that there is only one God?"

"Yes, of course, that is written in our Book."

But Grace could not believe that our Bible did not tell of three Gods. She asked to be shown so Miriam turned to Deuteronomy 6:4, "Jehovah our God is one God. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc.

"And do you love God like that says?"

"Yes, we do."

"Then who is Jesus? and who is Mary?"

That made clear the false idea of Christianity that was proving so great a stumbling block to the woman. From her own questioning Miss Miriam was able to introduce her to God in all His love, become man for our sakes. The interview ended with a warm invitation to the "preacher" to come for a daily visit to the patient's room.

She left the hospital, trusting and happy. Soon she brought her own daughter for medical care. Then she brought a friend. This friend was a sister of one of the cabinet ministers and her distinguished brother visited her in the hospital.

So day by day, doctors, nurses, evangelists make their contacts. Many are the discouragements. Some sicknesses cannot be healed; some souls are closed to the message. But usually kindness wins and with relief of suffering come trust and confidence, and a willingness to listen to the truth. With the apostles in the early days we can pray:

"Grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal." (Acts 4:29).

H. H. Hutchinson, M.D.

EDUCATIONAL

A typical middle class Egyptian mother and child. These two represent many of the beautiful women and children of Egypt for whom we labor. They all need Christ.

MARY CLOKEY PORTER GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

Tanta

The year 1938 in the Mary Clokey Porter school differed greatly from other recent years. We do not have the pleasure of visits from Board members annually as we did this year. To have Mrs. Randles and Mrs. Boobyer, Mrs. White, Miss Anna Milligan and Dr. and Mrs. Taylor brought us much joy, encouragement and inspiration. The warm interest of these people makes boards seem much less remote, cold and impersonal.

At the close of the last school year both Miss McMillan and Miss Williamson left to go on furlough and so it was with trepidation that I looked forward to a new school year in which neither of these missionaries would be here to carry on. Daily have I been thankful to God for His goodness in sending us workers to fill vacancies in our staff, for this year finds us having some changes among our teachers and servants as well.

In September Miss Elizabeth Wilson came as the new member of the Administrative Committee. Her furlough was due in June '38 but, realizing the shortage of workers, she volunteered to stay over a year.

Examination results of last school year filled us with joy and with sorrow. Those that were good, were very, very good; and those that were bad, were horrid. We would have despaired utterly had it not been that the poor results occurred in the promotional examinations set and conducted at the government school here in Tanta where every possibility of unfair discrimination prevailed. But the good results occurred in the two classes which were applying for government certificates. Because these examinations were conducted under conditions eliminating any possibility of unfairness, we felt much happier over the outcome and our confidence in our teaching staff was maintained.

The new school year opened with a large enrollment and has continued so. The increase in the Secondary Department is largely due to the closing of the Coptic Girls' Secondary School. We give special thanks for the large number of Muslims enrolled in the school as a whole, for a year ago a patron predicted there would be none the current year; but as a matter of fact there are one hundred thirty. These children offer us a mighty challenge daily and we ask for wisdom in presenting Christ to them that they may be drawn to Him, not driven from Him.

We also give thanks for better economic conditions in the boarding department and for a spirit of harmony and cooperation in the student body and the teaching staff. Our great desire is that this may be a place where Christ is known, loved, trusted and obeyed, that out from here may flow influences for good which will help bring about, in its time, a Christian community.

Despite the encouraging features, and they are many, the year 1938 in the Mary Clokey Porter school is one of arrested growth. Not until the Kindergarten Training School re-opens to continue training teachers of small children will this school be fulfilling its mission as it should.

Many times this year requests have come for Kindergarten teachers we could not furnish, and also inquiries after the re-opening of the school.

Eulalia D. Grether.

Just a little over a year ago I learned that I was to have another year in Egypt before furlough. That year was to be spent here in our school for girls in Tanta. I have been here since September and have been busy getting acquainted with a new group of girls and getting used to new problems caused by a larger number of pupils, a larger percentage of Muslims, government inspection, a boarding department and just the general outlook of the patrons. Do you ask why there should be this difference? The answer is this: The Fayoum school in which I have been for the past three years is located in a village in an oasis and is off the beaten track of travel in Egypt. Tanta is a large flourishing city about half way along the road from Cairo to Alexandria. Parts of it are rapidly becoming Europeanized. On the other hand it is one of the strongholds of Islam and contains one of their most holy mosques. Although the Muslims are very sure they don't want our Bible teaching they are willing to take the risk to get the character training we give. We can no longer insist that they study the Bible lessons but who can sit in a class room where interesting stories are being told or some discussion going on and keep one's mind on mathematics or grammar.

We were invited to tea in a prominent Muslim home the other day and when the little girl who is in first grade was asked to say some memory work she chose the second chapter of Luke which they had memorized for Christmas. We have just been giving oral examinations in our lower classes and the little Muslims have been just as eager to tell the Bible stories as any others. Who can measure the extent of their belief? We can only pray that the knowledge they are absorbing may grow and bear fruit.

Elizabeth M. Wilson.

THE DR. CARRIE M. BUCHANAN GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

Luxor

Nineteen thirty-eight was a year of steady work with not much of special interest about which to write. Our day girls have increased in number, but not the boarders. Our upper classes are steadily growing. We had good results in the final examinations in May. Five girls graduated. One is acting as substitute teacher for the year in our own school. One is at home where she is badly needed, and the other three are at Assiut. Our senior class now specializes in Normal Training. Last year Miss Wilda Barnes led her class into such an enthusiasm for that work that three have gone to Assiut for a second year along the same line. Two are using scholarships from here, and a third is paying her own way. One of our younger teachers and another recent graduate who has been teaching are also taking the work at Assiut. We hope to benefit when Miss Faiga returns to us next year.

Last February, under Miss Roy's direction, our four older classes gave the operetta, "Hansel and Gretal", for our annual entertainment. They did it very well indeed. The story of each scene was told in Arabic before it was given, and even those who did not understand English found it enjoyable. Hansel was a delightfully mischievous boy, and Gretal a beautiful "Queen of the Woods."

Our babies gave "The Sleeping Beauty" in April. The little Princess was poise and self-possession personified.

Seven of our girls united with the Church during the year. Some of them had been resisting the step for two or three years, and we felt a real victory was won when they came. Nearly all of our older girls are now members either in our own or the Coptic Church.

We continued our village work. You should see our Ford start on Sabbath morning, three on the front seat, five in the back, and a man on the running board. We lose four about a mile along our way and get the man inside for the greater distance. Nine meetings are usually held by the four groups. The numbers at any one meeting vary from two to three to forty or more. At one place twelve men and their wives live in the one house. Is it any wonder that a good deal of time is often taken up in settling quarrels? At another place, a woman who had gone nowhere since the death of her son a year ago, was still grieving and very bitter. She now comes to the meetings and is being helped. Some are so indifferent! Once when we could not persuade a half dozen men and women to leave their work and gossip in the sun and come a few feet to where we were, we moved down to them. But most of them left before we had finished the story.

Others seem really hungry for the message and urge us to come oftener. We were out fifteen Sabbaths in all last year and had an average attendance of 120.

The greatest joy in our work is to watch the quiet growth in grace and character made by our girls, and to see them in their home and professional life after they leave the school. There are some disappointments, of course, but they are few in comparison with the whole. Pray that we may be guided aright in our leadership of them.

Ida Whiteside.

LUXOR BRANCH SCHOOL

After working in the Delta for six years, the Christian town of Luxor has opened up to me a very new Egypt. Misses Vincent, White and myself arrived on the same boat last August and came up country one very hot night. Any place would have looked beautiful after that night but Luxor has retained its charm, and to it added the personal joy which comes from service.

The Luxor Branch School has had a good year with increased attendance over the past few years. It is a splendid feeder for the "Big School" and is doing fine work. The teachers and pupils join with the big school in entertainments at Christmas and for the Thank Offering, and in the spring Kindergarten show, which this year is "Snow White." The youngsters are adorable little pieces and do surprisingly well in plays and stunts and musical games and songs.

Everyone here is regretting that Miss Patterson is not returning. Luxor had come to think she belonged to them. We hope she will find equal loyalty and joy in Minia.

E'er this reaches our readers, my final year with the Mission will have come to an end. Let me thank you all for the opportunity to serve in Egyptian schools. I have benefitted much and count the years precious for their spiritual blessing to myself. I hope that I have been able to help a bit in the great work of the Kingdom.

Ruth McCleery.

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Fayoum, Egypt

The past year has brought me a variety of experiences: five months in Tanta Hospital and most of the time in a cast and having the best care a helpless patient could receive; then the return to Fayoum where kind friends gave me such a hearty welcome home that I shall always feel humble when I recall it. The School had been well cared for in my absence by Miss Elizabeth Wilson. She was sent to the Mary Clokey Porter School in Tanta early in September.

In answer to very definite prayer, a staff of capable Egyptian teachers was secured for this year. My heart is full of praise to God for their loyalty and their willingness to help carry the load—for, as usual, our school is full. Our small boarding department is overflowing with twelve little girls in the space intended for eight. We want the Gospel message to reach even the remotest village in this Province. I know of no better way to get it there than by means of a regenerated life of a little girl. Hence we have not refused village girls even though they are a bit crowded. They do not mind, and as a rule, are very happy together doing all their own housekeeping. Crowded as they are, they require closer supervision than would otherwise be needed, for they take the various household tasks in turn. At evening prayers we learn Bible verses and the girls, each in her turn, leads in prayer. The older girls help the little ones. When they go home for vacation nothing pleases, nor astonishes, their families more than that the girls can lead in prayer. Neighbors and relatives who are ill send for these little girls to come and pray for them. Last summer two of the older girls held Daily Vacation Bible Schools in their own villages. One of them said, "The naughty boys threw stones at us but we shall teach the poor children again next summer, for they want to learn about God." We ask your prayers to the end that each of these girls may be the bearer of the Good News of Salvation to her own village.

For the high privilege of having a share in this service in the bonds of the Gospel, we daily give praise.

Margaret A. Bell.

GIRLS' SCHOOL BENHA, EGYPT

Where are the good resolves that I made in 1938 when I was asked to write a letter similar to this one? I guess they are the new resolutions of 1939. So much has happened during this busy year and now in February of the new, I am asked to put it on paper. Shall I tell of examinations, grades, monthly accounts and of various school programs, or shall I write of the distress we knew from an overflowing cess-pool and of streets flooded and smelly for three months, because of the high Nile? When you think of a town of 30,000 inhabitants without sewers and all houses having overflowing pits, you may be able to imagine what we have endured. Yes, I agree with you that we should forget it and tell you of the better side of our life, but in passing, I just want to say that I mentioned, none too gently, our need for sewers to the chief-engineer of the municipality. He said that they would cost L.E.40,000. He promised me though to put them in in 1940. I hope that there will be no cause for my confidence in him to be shaken.

There are plenty of things to make us glad and cause us to praise the Lord. The girls are really showing a marked interest in the matter of giving. Our Thank Offering in March was over $20.00 and the 1938 Christmas offering was $32.50. The offerings too in Sabbath School are quite good. The supplies are paid for out of school funds so all of the money goes for benevolences. One poor widow was given a dollar a month; an evangelist was helped with his hospital bill; the local Coptic society was given some, to help it in its work for the poor; and $5.00 was given a small church in Cairo to help buy a piece of land. There was great rivalry between the classes. One girl in each class was made secretary (often, self-appointed), who made it her business to see that her classmates "paid", as they called it. One distressed secretary appealed to me one morning before her class, "Please Miss Kingan, Afifa and Nozmiya do not love God, they have money in their pockets (I felt it) and they won't pay." The offenders tried to defend their actions but the secretary would have none of it, she had it down in black and white. It is gratifying to see all sects join in making these offerings and in *all* the religious activities, in fact.

All eight of our candidates for the government certificate in June were successful. Two had a second session in arithmetic but passed. It was indeed a happy occasion on October 4, when we gathered for the annual commencement to present these girls their certificates. There were two Jewesses, one Muslima, and five Coptic girls. I shall not go into detail as a very splendid report by the able pen of Mrs. W. B. Jamison, has already appeared in the church papers.

The Thursday afternoon Bible

class continued through the year. The girls who are in government school have that afternoon free and are not free on Sabbath so are happy to come back to the school for the Sabbath school lesson. They all find it very difficult to attend day school on Sabbath. Speaking of "The old school tie," I am happy these girls come back to school to study the Bible. "Blest be the Tie which binds our hearts in Christian love." Our monthly meeting too for the alumni was kept up well through the year. If we have known discouragement, these meetings certainly were chasers of blues. In one meeting we had representatives from eight classes. The time was spent in part socially; then followed a Bible study and singing, and how they all seemed to love to sing! They all decidedly miss the singing, be they at home or in government schools.

Some of you may remember that in my last annual letter I expressed the hope that someone would give me new ideas for the Sabbath school hour. Although no one sent me any plan, I think some of you were praying, for a whole new plan came to my mind. In the first place we changed the hour of meeting from eight to ten-thirty. The mornings here are cool and foggy so the ten-thirty hour is more pleasant for pupils and teachers. We all attend the local church service first, from nine until ten. The girls then come over to the school playground and have a half hour recess. Three Sabbaths a month we have the regular class periods and on the fourth Sabbath we have a guest speaker and hold a service like a junior church. Following the class periods the girls are invited to stay to read in the Nina S. Brittain Library. Our S. S. attendance has increased and also church attendance and it is entirely voluntary. We have banners for attendance. Speaking of a Look-Out committee, I think that I could furnish you with some good workers. The older girls come quickly from church and look over the crowd, anyone missing is called upon and as a rule brought right along. They have done this all of their own accord, but they certainly know that it has approval.

We are happy to have been able to take a roll of movie film of the school and have sent it to our good friends the Brittains of Erie. I am sure they will be very happy to have many of you see what they and we are doing here in Benha. There are no real "Stars" in the film, (with apologies to Dr. Taylor) but I must say that the cast are all real actors.

Time moves on at a rapid pace. "1940" promises to be my furlough year whereas I keep feeling that I am just back from the last one. It will be good to be home again to see you all and to tell you what your prayers and your gifts are doing for this needy country.

Lois D. Kingan.

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Zagazig, Egypt

As I sit down to write the report of the past year's work in the Zagazig Girls' school I find it very hard to do, not because we do not have good things to report, but because it is likely the last report which will ever be written of the American Mission Girls' School in Zagazig. During the past five years our work here in Zagazig has been gradually turned over to the Egypt General Mission because our Mission did not have the workers to carry on all their work. First the work of the Foreign Board with the Boys' School was turned over and the Giesners came to live in the Foreign Board flat. Then last year when Miss Margaret Work went home on furlough there was no one to take her place and Miss Blaikie of the Egypt General Mission offered to help out for the year and she came to live with me last September. The women's work is still supported by the Women's Board but there are not sufficient workers to carry on the work and so it has seemed best to ask the Egypt General Mission to take over all the work of the station when I go home on furlough in June. The matter is not yet settled but will be very soon. The work is being given over into good hands and the Message will continue to be faithfully given in schools and district. Nevertheless it is not easy but is much like giving up the family homestead which has been in the family for generations and I being the last one of the family left will have to make the final arrangements and say goodbye to friends and fellow workers. The station in Zagazig was established in 1894, forty-five years ago and many of our Mission family have faithfully served here and many precious memories are associated with the place. We are not handing over a work which has failed but a work which is flourishing today in spite of difficulties.

What can I say of the school? There has been no unusual event to report. We again have a full school, 240 enrolled, and we have had to turn many away by insisting on full fees as we had no place to put them. There are seventy in the kindergarten and first grade and their teacher thinks she has her hands full. She has an assistant for part of the day and the class is divided for most of their lessons. One-third of the girls are Muslim but with the exception of one or two there have been no objections to the Bible as one of the subjects of study. We have an exceptionally fine group of girls and they have a fine spirit. There have been years when there were trouble makers and such can make things very difficult. Our White Gift at Christmas time amounted to forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents ($45.75). This was not given all at once from money the girls' fathers had given them but was given a little at a time, week by week from their spending money. It was the best White Gift Offering that we have ever had. One of the classes used a part of its offering to buy some warm clothes for one of the school servants who receives only five dollars a month and with that has to support himself, his wife and his mother. A large portion of the offering is sent to the orphanages but some is used to help other worthy poor people here in Zagazig. We have only one new teacher this year and she is a daughter of the school. Perhaps I should not have said only one new teacher for in December my sister came to Egypt for a visit and is helping out by taking classes in the school. We very much appreciate her help.

We have ten girls in "The Shoe," our little boarding department. Five of these are in the kindergarten class, one in second grade, one in fourth, one in fifth and one in sixth and one is eyes for Sitt Bista, the blind Bible Woman and goes about with her each day. As the girls do all their own work I feared that it might be a difficult year for the older ones but Sitt Dermana, the Bible Woman who acts as their house mother, has so arranged the work that I hear no complaints and they have had an unusually happy year. Only two of these pay any fees. The others are poor girls who are being helped by friends and groups at home and by ourselves. I wish you could have seen the faces of the little ones when they got their first dolls at our family Christmas party. I made over twenty little dresses last fall (for summer and winter) aside from the necessary underclothes. Two girls had to have complete new outfits for summer and winter. I did not do all the sewing. I had a woman to help me but I did all the planning, cutting and fitting and so you may know I was rather busy for several weeks with sewing and the opening of school, too. They are a darling little family and I shall hate to leave them. I don't know just what is to happen to them next year, but I am praying that they will be cared for and that the way will be provided for them to go on to school and also prepared to take up some service for the Master who has done so much for them.

Marie F. Tait.

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Mansura

The Last Day of school had come. There was a feeling of happiness on the face of every pupil in the lower classes. It meant a vacation, a good time. In one of the rooms was the upper class. They were really leaving the school for good. It was their Last Day of School. To some it was only a few months; then they would enter higher schools. To most of them it meant staying at home. The very Last Day of School, in their lives had come.

To this group it meant sitting at home until a marriage was arranged for them. It meant staying in a home where swearing was used unconsciously, where there was no order in the daily life of the family; no books to read and their entire time taken up with gossip and listening to the stories carried from house to house. As the girls filed out of the gate many were the remarks made by the teachers: "Poor girls, what are they going to do? Just sit at home. I wish they could do something."

During the summer weeks the Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in the mission building. The one in charge was a former pupil who is now in the Bible Training School in Tanta. Among her helpers were two girls who belonged to the group that filed out of the school for the last time. They had helped in the teaching and the games. Such a spirit of rejoicing among the teachers as they told how these girls had stayed during the entire period. They felt repaid for all that they had done with these girls.

A few weeks later during the first few days of school, there was great excitement in the library among a group of girls. They were telling the teachers of their First Days at School, in the new school. "It is so different. We hear swearing. We have no chapel time and not one class in Bible in our entire program."

The head teacher reminded the girls, that the new school was not like ours and they could not expect to have chapel and Bible Study. With a shrug of her shoulders one of the girls replied: "How can they expect us to have *good character* without our Bible Study?"

Frances Patton.

KARMOUS SCHOOL

Alexandria

Our total enrollment for the past year was two hundred and fifteen; forty of these come from the homes of our church members living in this district. One of our teachers said recently, "I see changes in the lives of many of the girls; they are really trying to live the things they learn." That has been our prayer and our purpose as the days went by; and we give praise.

The attendance at Sabbath School is not compulsory but we have had an average of one hundred and sixty. Ten new members were promoted from the Cradle Roll into the regular Sabbath School this year and all are present every Sabbath. The older girls have charge of the opening exercises, and how each one looks forward to her turn to read the Scripture lesson and lead in prayer; the Mohammedan girls are just as ready as the others to do this.

Miss Wadeeda, the blind teacher, still has a class for blind girls, and has been doing good work with them. In the final examinations at the end of the year one of the blind girls had a higher average than any of the two dozen "seeing" girls in her class.

Equally interesting with the work in the school is the visits to the homes with the Bible teacher. What homes? Some are the homes of the girls in school; others are the homes of the members of the church; then there are many others which have no contact either with the school or church. If any of the women or girls in these homes can read they are encouraged to do so themselves, and teach another. "Each one teach one" is being stressed in all our groups.

Leota Cabeen.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Alexandria, Egypt

Last year I wrote of my work as a member of the managing committee of the Girls' College at Cairo, where my Colleagues and I consulted together before decisions were made. Many times one was curbed in things one might like to do but also the others had to share the blame for mistakes made.

This year I am in Alexandria having charge of the High School for Girls. I need consult no one before making most decisions but also there is no one else to share the blame when wrong decisions are made.

I found here a well organized school of two hundred girls ranging from First Beginners to the graduates of our Fourth Year Secondary. Since this is a Greek city I found about the same number of Greeks as Copts. The remainder are a few Muslims, a few Protestants, a few Armenians and a few Syrians. The Greeks were all born here and many of their parents were born here but they do not study Arabic. They have come at the age of about fourteen to learn English so they can better earn their living.

I suppose each of us has a tendency to want to describe our new work the first year of taking it over because it is all new to us. Let us hope we are not changed to new work so often but that you, too, may be glad to have your memory refreshed as to the type of work.

This year the new thing in this school is the giving to the graduating class of seven and to seven others, mostly previous graduates, a short course in typing and shorthand. This class is taught just three times a week by a teacher from our boys' Commercial College, Mrs. Kazanis, and they are doing such splendid work she hopes to have fourteen girls ready for stenographic positions in June. Already Miss Criswell, at our P.M.I. at Assiut has asked for one of them as Secretary for next year.

A Scripture Union group has been organized. Fourteen girls are now members. In addition to reading a portion of Scripture and praying daily they mark for themselves each day in special note books, as to whether they have controlled their tempers, done a good deed, made the wrongs of yesterday right not only with God but with the other person affected, been truthful, and unselfish. Our say-so meetings each Tuesday are most inspiring. I expect them to be the spiritual dynamic of the school.

Edna B. Sheriff.

STUDY CENTER

When the reminder came around that yearly reports were due I regarded it with dismay. For my work this year, it seems, has been but a larger edition of last year's Arabic study . For in classical Arabic, too, we must learn verbs and then more verbs. We learn grammar rules and exceptions to them. We spend hours on memory work, and struggle over writing compositions and letters. We learn how to read the Bible in Classical Arabic and then explain it in the spoken Arabic so that the common people will understand. It's real work, but it's fascinating, and it provides splendid training in patience and in perseverance, and in leaning hard on Him; for we walk not in our own strength.

But, may I add just a bit about some of my other pleasures? (For work is fun). Its been a real joy to be associated with a splendid C.E. group of boys and girls who are vitally interested in Christ's kingdom for others as well as for themselves. Money they have raised during the year has all gone to the support of orphanages and village work.

Even on a happy picnic day we enjoyed together, I had a sense of Christ's nearness to us, for during quiet times that occurred, the conversation turned easily and naturally to things pertaining to Him. One boy showed a picture of a Muslim family he was praying for. Another spoke of leading meetings in his church. Another brought out his testament from his pocket to confirm a point made. One of the girls taught us a song to sing before we ate our picnic dinner all together.

Then there is a little school over in a native section of town that is one of my chief joys. There are over seventy youngsters with one teacher in a room that would comfortably hold fifteen. But how they all welcome and respond to any suggestions made, and how raptly they listen to my Arabic stories in spite of my halting tongue!

There are many more blessed "joys" that could be related, but I'll close with just this one—its knowing that you dear ones at home are remembering us so lovingly and earnestly before our Father's Throne.

Mabel McMichael.

During the past year, my days have for the most part, been bounded by the four walls of the School of Oriental Studies at the American University in Cairo and by the four walls of my own room in the Mission Building at Ezbekiah. However lest anyone think that all of our study of the language is theory, I should like to tell you of two homes in which I have recently visited and in which I have had ample opportunity to use the meagre amount of Arabic which I have been able to acquire.

Once each week, it is my privilege and pleasure to call with a Bible woman. The one with whom I go was one of my pupils when I was a teacher in our Luxor school so we are old friends.

The narrow streets were lined with tiny shops in which we might buy anything from a spool of thread to an elaborately decorated bride's trunk of pink and blue and gilt. In an open space there were swings and the children who had paid a tiny sum of money were enjoying themselves by "pumping up" to see how high they could go—a public playground if you will. Always, I am well stared at because nobody like me lives in that section and because I am with an Egyptian woman.

We crossed the railroad and Helana told me that nobody but Muslims lived in that part of the city with the exception of the people to whom we went. The house which we visited is a well built house of two stories. Downstairs is a tiny shop kept by the husband, who is an Ethiopian and recently retired from service with the camel patrol in the desert. I have never been more cordially received than I was that day by the lovable old black Sudanese lady who welcomed us. Every few minutes during our stay she ran across the room to kiss me because she was so happy to have an American Missionary in her home again.

Her story is a long and thrilling one but I shall have to refrain from telling it lest I may not have understood all that she told me in Arabic that day. It will be enough to say that she is from a Bedouin tribe in the Sudan and after her father and the rest of the family had been killed, she and her one surviving sister became slaves and eventually found their way to Assiut where they were befriended by one of our Egyptian pastors and by the missionaries and were baptized as Christians. Sitt Fardose told me with shining eyes of the "beautiful" wedding she had in Assiut Hospital. Helana and others who know her well say that she is a very devout Christian and loyal church member and certainly the visit to her was a benediction to me.

The second home was that of two young girls who joined the church a few weeks ago. They are from a distant village and have come to keep house for a brother who is a policeman in Cairo. Dressed in village fashion with gaily colored dresses, bath-towels wrapped around their heads for warmth and only heel-less slippers on their feet, they were very neat and clean as was also the simply furnished house. They were happy indeed to see the Bible woman and ran for their Bibles at once for she is teaching them to read. Although both are probably over twenty years old, neither can read or write but they are eager to learn and that day I sympathized with their struggle to read since I am going through the same process. Can you imagine what it would mean if you had never been able to read, to suddenly have a new world opened up to you? I wonder if we would read the Word of God more if we had been without it for twenty years. When Helana told them that I had been her teacher they said, "But she looks younger than you." Helana's answer was, "Americans are like that. They are strong and have good health and they stay young for a long time." I thought of how different the surroundings of our lives have been and of how little childhood and girlhood there is in this land compared with that of our own. And as I was grateful for having been born into my homeland and my family, I was filled again with a sense of gratitude that it is my privilege to minister to some of these who in turn have so much to give to me.

Hazel Anderson.

A is for Arabic. At least Arabic always comes first in the life of a new missionary in Egypt, and although I have been here almost two years, I still feel very new. I have been here just long enough to have progressed about one-twenty-fifth of the way along the Arabic road, since the Senior Missionaries tell me the first fifty years are the hardest.

Although most of my time is still spent in language study classes, early last fall I was assigned to one of the Bible Women here in Cairo, and have been going with her one afternoon each week as she visits in the homes and gives a Bible lesson. Since neither Um Azer (the Bible Woman) nor most of the people we visit know English, I am dependent on my faltering Arabic to express myself—and I never was one to be quiet for very long. These weekly visits have not only been very interesting to me, but have afforded opportunities to meet more of the Egyptian people and see how they live. One day we visited a house of mourning—a new experience for me—and I will never forget the many neighbor women, shrouded in black, as they sat and wept with the mourning mother. On another visit I met a Sudanese woman who had been at the P.M.I. in Assiut many years ago. Later I learned that when she and her sister were small girls they had been sold as slaves, but were rescued by some Christian folks in Assiut.

Of course my primary, secondary, and every other duty is Arabic, and most of my time is devoted to it. In Egypt it's not only "the poor ye have with ye always", but Arabic, too. It's a fascinating language, and the language of the heavens, so I keep working, remembering, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Constance Harper.

Seen in print, my work does not evince much real accomplishment; I go to school every day to study Arabic. That is all. I have completed the prescribed course of colloquial Arabic, and am now engaged on the classical. It is a very enjoyable occupation, for languages are interesting, and because I know that work in Egypt is impossible without it. Having lived in Egypt most of my life in a missionary family and as a short-term teacher in Luxor, I acquired a smattering of vocabulary, but no grammar with which to tie it together. And it is great fun to see how the pieces of the puzzle fit together to make sense. And it gives one a real sense of satisfaction to understand the thoughts of others and to be understood.

In the afternoons we often go calling. Once a week I go out with Sitt Esther, a Bible woman, to visit homes, mostly Muslim families. I have friends and former acquaintances who have the patience and kindness to put up with my attempts to be intelligible.

Every Sabbath I go out to the Arabic Service of the 13th congregation of the Evangelical Church of Cairo, one of the youngest and newest organized Church in the city. The preacher is a second year Seminary student, who has a fine spirit and good message. As this Church is just beginning its career, even as I am just beginning mine, I like to think that we may serve one another for the ingathering of the Harvest for the Master Gardener here in Egypt.

Martha Roy.

Foreign Board Schools*

COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Cairo

The peak of last year's experience seems to us to have been the visit of four outstanding women leaders of our Church, Mrs. Boobyer, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Randles and Dr. White. In attempting to show them the work of our College we viewed it ourselves with new eyes, possibly judged it more severely and loved it more deeply. In spending most of a week with Mrs. White visiting old girls of the College and numerous village projects of our work, I myself had a new realization of the work of women educated in Christian schools, in the villages and towns, as well as in the homes of Egypt.

Our enrollment last year continued high with a total of 480, about 60 per cent of whom were non-Christians, 53 per cent of these being Muslim. While about 80 per cent of our students are Egyptian, 14 different nationalities were found among them.

The faculty numbered thirty-seven, of whom five are missionaries of the Women's Board, the Misses Mary Frances Dawson, Helen J. Martin, Evelyn McFarland, M. Stella Robertson and Edna Sheriff. The following American short term missionaries served the College last year: Mrs. Bertha Bare, Miss Helen N. Brownlee, Mrs. Dorothy Hillerson, Miss Grace Huntley, Miss Elizabeth Mulder, Miss Viola Petitt, Mrs. John Phelan, Miss Margaret Pollock, Miss Grace Mae Sample, Miss Bernice Whitmore, Mrs. Margaret Work, Miss Jane Zahniser, Mrs. Carol Evers Chorlian. When illness made it necessary for two of these to withdraw, we were fortunate in finding Mrs. Gwyn Williams and Miss Joan Vatsek to fill their places for the remainder of the year.

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*A number of Women's Board Missionaries work in the schools supported by the Foreign Board. By special request reports of their work are given. Secretary.

The salary and travel budget for all of these, as well as for those of the staff employed locally, has been borne by the local income of the College, since we have not shared in the budget of the Foreign Board for the past few years, the salaries of the five missionary members of the staff and special gifts of friends being the only income which the College now has from America.

The useful activities of our former students and their successes in higher schools are among the rich rewards of our work here. Graduates of the College are teaching—7 of them on our own staff—practicing medicine and law, editing magazines, carrying on work of social welfare, and conducting well organized homes.

The following record of four of our graduates in the Egyptian University is of interest:

Amina Fahmy, now in her fourth year, stood second in a class of 300 her first year in the University and has been first in her class the second and third years. Bahiya Lutfy was fifth in her class of 90 in her second year, and second in her third year class of 70. Her sister Amina was first in the non-honors group last year, which means fourth in the class of 70. Fakhriya Assem, who started her University course last year, was second in her class and the only girl in the class to pass. These are mixed classes of men and girls.

Amina Fahmy and Bahiya Lutfy have been offered a fellowship which gives them each a year's study in England. This fellowship is assigned by the British Consulate in Cairo and is an unusual honor.

The Hammond Electric organ given to the College by Mr. Dan R. Wallace of Cambridge, Ohio, in memory of his wife, Lizzie Knox Wallace, is a notable addition to the equipment of the College and adds greatly to the worshipful spirit of our daily Chapel and Sabbath services.

A week of special evangelistic services, conducted by the Rev. Willis McGill, brought a challenge to our students for life decisions. The meetings were attended voluntarily by most of the students of all religious faiths. They were followed by a violent attack upon us in the Arabic press, which gave us some anxious hours, and threatened to disturb the serenity of our corporate life. It is hard for our Christian students to refrain from showing resentment at such attacks, usually largely false, which Christians have suffered increasingly in recent years. Pray that we may all be wisely patient, but also faithfully persistent in our presentation of the Gospel of our Lord.

Helen J. Martin.

HOME ECONOMICS

The work of the Home Economics Department has gone on the past year as usual, girls from the last year Primary through the Secondary Department having class work in homemaking. The girls generally are interested in the work. To many of them it is a great new adventure, though the newness of dishwashing seems to wear off soon.

Heretofore they have done little work about the house and some have not even been in a kitchen. However that statement is less true than formerly. The younger sisters of girls who have had work in the Home Economics classes often come knowing how to do the things their sisters had done, which goes to show that the sisters have been doing at home.

Recently two young women, graduates, who married and accompanied their husbands who were studying in Europe have spoken gratefully of what they learned in their Home Economics work for they had had to do much of their work where they had been. One of the girls said that her grandmother had said she could not picture her doing her own work for here she could scarcely get herself a drink. The background and attitude are so different that it is difficult for those of the West to realize what it does mean for these young women of the privileged classes here to be doing the household tasks. Often I hear the young women speak of how they use what they have learned in the foods classes in the feeding of their children.

Miss Cordes, a new *Home Economics teacher*, added to the staff, is conducting *a class for young women who have finished school*. The first term eighteen were enrolled and the response and interest were gratifying. The class meets in the forenoon, three days a week for two hours a day. Units on foods and meal planning, care of sick, furnishings, clothing, child care have been studied. Visits to a grocer shop, the Agricultural Museum, a textile factory where both hand and power looms were seen at work, a rug shop, the workshops and studio of an architect and interior decorator have added to the interest of the class.

Mary Frances Dawson.

GIRLS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

Returning from furlough in September, I find it good to be back again in the College for Girls. Among many benefits, a furlough enables one to have a better perspective of the work on the field and I realize more than ever the tremendous challenges that face us here.

One of the many activities of our girls, is the training class for teachers in the Sabbath School. Six girls belong to the class this year and on alternate Sabbaths, two of them teach in one of our smaller Churches where help is needed. The girls are much interested in their classes and welcome the opportunity for service. One of our Primary teachers (a graduate of the College) is doing an admirable piece of work with a Sabbath School class of 40-55 street children that meets each Sabbath morning in one of our preaching centers.

We are thankful for the service many of our Christian girls are giving in the work of the Sabbath School, Daily Vacation Bible School, Y.W.C.A. and other agencies.

Sarah B. Meloy.

COLLEGE ROUTINE

For me, the school year usually begins the last week of August with hours of concentration on the schedule of classes for the school year. About 730 class periods per week, carried on by thirty-five teachers (some for part-time work) for about 500 students, must fit into this composition. When it is completed for operation, there are about 150 special schedules to make for new students from government schools who are below the regular class in English or French and regular in Arabic; or strong in French and weak in English, as are those from French schools; or for our own students who have failed in several subjects perhaps, and various other situations calling for individual schedules. These schedules must be checked during the year to see that they are followed.

Then there is the weekly conduct report to which every member of the staff may contribute. Students below the College group appear either on the "star roll" (no absence nor tardy or misconduct mark), or on the list of those with five or more misconduct marks contributed by various teachers. These are interviewed and given detention study at noon, in an effort to stimulate a desire for more cooperative attitudes and activities.

One sad development of the past year was the unusual amount of illness in the staff. For sixty-one days substitute teachers had to be found, and some of the alumnae generously came to our rescue for part of the time. Then about mid-year two American teachers of the staff retired because of illness and their schedules of English work were recast and carried on mostly by two other teachers whom we were fortunate to find here in Egypt.

These were a few of the activities of our school year that seem very much like those of any school regime at home, but there were the differences of nationality (fourteen last year) and religion (at least eleven forms, with over half of the student body non-Christian) entering in to make us adapt our American plans and ways, and contributing greatly in variety and interest and as a challenge to our best efforts. Throughout the year, we experience something of what the song in our psalter hymnal expresses:

"The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God."

Evelyn McFarland.

NEW VISIONS

We are happy to think that work has been well begun on the new wing of our building, of which we are feeling the need so much.

But the thing that makes us even happier is to go in and out amongst our former pupils, and see signs of a more enduring kind of building. Our students are, more and more taking their part in the many-sided life of Egypt in worthy ways.

One, who became a student in the new School of Social Science, has become so interested in the work that her family had difficulty in persuading her to take a proper holiday last summer, so deeply had she plunged into the practical work that was crying out to be done. She has now become Assistant to the General Secretary of the Bureau of Social Service.

Another student is taking a Nursing Course in Beyrout University. Another is completing her Musical studies in London to prepare for being a teacher in the Government's Training School for Music Teachers. (where one of our Alumnae has already the chief place in instruction.)

Another, who went to Leipzig, Germany, to complete her studies is now home, and it has been a pleasure to help her, and several others to find teaching posts in Mission and Government Schools.

One of our own Staff, who is particularly successful in preparing students for Theory of Music Examinations, has herself received all her musical education with us (including her Trinity College of London Teacher's Diploma). She is also the Organist to the Arabic congregation in town. Would that we had many more with her willing spirit!

One of our Alumnae has, this year, undertaken the charge of a Sabbath School in the very large and influential Coptic Church near us. I am told she has a group of about 70 children, where formerly little was done for the children.

I had the pleasure on Christmas Eve of accompanying a band of Carol-singers, organized by an enthusiastic group of Christian Endeavourers whose Vice-president is one of our former students. We visited, amongst other places a Mission Hospital, a Government Refuge for Waifs, and Calioub Boys' Orphanage, singing Christian Hymns and distributing gifts in all, the gifts including two good-sized sums of money personally collected by individual members for the Boys' Orphanage, and for the new Church Building for one of the City congregations.

Our happy Christmas festivities included, this year, a party for the 20 servants, gardeners, etc., who sat down at a nicely decorated table and enjoyed cakes and tea, (served to them by the Syrian maids and ourselves). At the close each received a box of dry tea to carry home, and they were invited to stay and hear a Christmas message from Dr. Fairman. They all remained, and listened. attentively.

Our Scripture Union membership now numbers 119, of whom many are no longer in school, but who write me appreciatively of what the reading of this daily portion means to them. One Jewess, whose custom was to read to her mother from the Bible every morning, on leaving home, delegated her younger sister to take over this task, which she faithfully does—translating as she reads from English into Italian. At our monthly S. U. Meeting we nearly always have a sprinkling of Muslims and Jews.

M. Stella Robertson.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Ezbekieh, Cairo

As I review in my own mind the work and experiences of the past school year, it seems that the unusual things in it were almost all of a material nature. The usual activities of the school went on: classes were taught, and extra-curricular activities of various sorts carried on; Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor Society functioned as usual; examinations were held and we are glad to report very creditable results in the Government certificate examinations, the results of which do so much to raise or lower the standing of the school in the eyes of its patrons. Even our university preparation year ranked among the best in the country in its percentage of passes. Of this we are particularly glad because this particular examination was being held for the first time and this school, as well as others, was working in an untried field.

The school attendance was still better than that of the preceding year and the boarding school full. Over this, also, we rejoice, both because of enlarged opportunities for service and increased fees to help us pay our bills in these difficult days when support from the church in America has so nearly vanished.

But, as aforesaid, our big change has been in our physical and material surroundings and equipment. The mission, realized the crowded and inadequate nature of our school quarters, and at the winter meeting of Association, granted us the use of a whole additional flat, our occupancy to begin with the school year 1938-39. Because of the prospective change, the end of the school year was filled with plans for remodelling of rooms and re-adjusting of living and teaching arrangements and the arranging for the manufacture in Egypt of some two hundred new desks on a good American model. To this end we had been saving piasters for five years, (and the school had been needing the reseating for at least twenty years before that!). Now, our money is all spent, and we are enjoying seeing the girls in comfortable seats in orderly rows.

Time fails me to tell of the more important phases and results of the year's work . . . those contacts, day after day, with our girls, the line upon line, precept upon precept, which make up the core of our usefulness. Sometimes the girls are good and we glow with pride over their attainments in character and knowledge; sometimes they break rules and do stupid things and we are inclined to marvel at the extent of their delinquencies. But, casting a long, appraising look back over the year, we are glad to be able to say that, this year, this child and that has grown in a knowledge of God, in a sense of duty, in sweetness and dependability. And others, too, see it. The pastor of one of our churches has a young daughter here. Speaking of her one day he remarked, "This school does something to its girls; my daughter was not a bad child when she came to you, but she is a very much nicer girl now." Than this, we want no higher praise! I think of another girl who, within the year, came to a desire to join the church, and the earnest, sincere, natural way in which she told us how she had come to the point of wanting to be counted among its membership.

And I think of another little girl who came to us so crippled as the result of infantile paralysis that she could only have grown up a monstrosity had not her coming into school put her into touch with one of the mission's good doctors who gave her free operations and care for the greater part of a year and made an upstanding, normal-appearing girl of her. But perhaps that story belongs in the Medical Report! At any rate, Yvonne is made as normal physically as is humanly possible, and is given opportunity to grow normally in every other realm also.

It is such things as these, small be they or large, which bring us to the end of a heavy year rejoicing in continued opportunities for service. Will you not add to ours your prayers that neither financial stress nor government interference in religious activities may be allowed to interfere with the service in the cause of Christ which has long been the privilege of this and other mission schools.

Elsie M. French.

PARTIES

What have I to report? It seems there is nothing of interest nor of tangible value. It is just a daily routine of school duties, a great part of which is distasteful police duty. Six times every day it is necessary to line up our 290 girls in the much-too-small court and then march them into their several class-rooms. It becomes monotonous and sometimes one wishes it were not necessary to do anything but visit and play and just be friends with the girls. But there are many bright, happy sides to our work.

We like to visit in the homes to get better acquainted. The only trouble is that, with not more than one day a week for calling and distances so great in the city, we get to only a small percentage of the homes in a year.

Having worked in both Assiut and Luxor before coming here, and there being a great movement from the villages to the city, I have many friends in Cairo from the up-country and like to keep in touch with them also.

Last spring, Hazel Anderson, who has also been in both Assiut and Luxor, and I entertained all the Assiut graduates living in Cairo whom we could locate.

In November, Martha Roy, having joined our household after spending three years in Luxor, was the third hostess for a Luxor party. We had nearly as many this time as at the Assiut party although fewer invitations were sent out. You should have heard the buzz of the conversation. No program or other form of entertainment was necessary. We had a most happy reunion.

We dream of the time when we can have a club in Cairo for all former students of all the American Mission schools in Egypt with branches for each separate school. Regular meetings could be held for study and service which would not only continue the bonds of friendship made in school, but would be a most effective form of follow-up work. Many could be saved to the church and unselfish service who are now wandering away from such ideals.

Martha C. Glass.

PRESSLY MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
Assiut

The year 1938 has passed all too quickly for the workers in P.M.I. to accomplish any startling results, but some mile stones of progress have been passed. Also some definite halts have led us to revalue the work in its relation to our great missionary purpose.

This was the first year for us to send up a class for the Government Secondary examination. There were 25 who sat for the examination in June, and to our chagrin a number failed, including some of the best in the class. Fortunately the Ministry of Education allowed a second chance in September. The girls worked hard through the summer and were rewarded by making a showing of 21 passes out of 25.

This year was marked by a high enrollment. In the September term the number reached 565. Of these, 155 were in the Secondary Department. In the boarding department there were 93 students and 24 teachers. Our number of Muslim children was 50.

Nineteen thiry-eight was marked by a mid-term furlough, and school problems and cares were forgotten among the mountain scenery of Bavaria and Switzerland. It is a great privilege for an Egyptian missionary to get across to the higher alti-

Administration Building P. M. I., Assiut, Egypt.

tude of Europe. Sidi Bishr, our mission camp by the sea, doesn't afford the stimulation needed in this hot, dusty climate.

The rest and inspiration gained in Europe were severely tested, as later in the year we were faced with the possibility of having to carry on the school without help from the Foreign Board. We still feel weak in the presence of such a problem, but we know that if the work is the Lord's, He will provide. Those of us who are here consider it a great privilege to have shared in giving the Gospel message daily to 50 Muslim children, in helping train 500 Christian girls for service, in sending out 34 new church members, and in seeing 26 girls inspired to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools where 399 women and children were reached.

Anna B. Criswell.

AT THE P.M.I.

"Well, mother, what have you done this morning?" This greeting is often a discouraging one to a weary homemaker after a busy morning at household tasks. My feelings are similar when asked to report on the year's work. A report on my particular task as registrar in this school of over 500 girls does not make thrilling reading. It is just the line-upon-line service which is necessary but not spectacular. However, just as the mother rejoices in labor performed for those whom she loves, so there is joy in this routine service for the Master Whom we love.

The good health of our staff has generally been a matter of pride, but the past term has brought a change in that respect. When teachers have been ill, we have turned with gratitude to some of our graduates living at home to find substitutes. They give their services most willingly and without remuneration. Our Teacher Training students have also been most helpful in filling in on short notice.

About half of our girls are receiving assistance in tuition or boarding fees. It is our hope that the money invested in lives of girls from so many different places in Egypt will bear rich fruit in the life of the Church in this land. About forty-five towns and villages are represented in our boarding department.

The selection of the girls worthy of this help is based upon the recommendation of pastors and missionaries. It is our constant purpose to use the gifts of our Egyptian friends, of missionary co-workers, from Sabbath School classes and individual friends in America so that the greatest good may result.

It would take too long to tell you of all the girls who are in this special group, but may I tell you of a few? One girl is from a town in which a wealthy landowner of the place (a Protestant) has established a school for girls. She completed her work for the primary certificate in the village and has come to us for her secondary work. We hope that she will help in the school in her community later on.

Two sisters, the daughters of a pastor in our presbytery, are also receiving part scholarships. In their village young girls are not allowed to go out freely. Attendance at church is even frowned upon, for grown-up young girls. The father of these girls looks forward to the time when they shall have completed their education and can teach. He considers their education of sufficient importance to borrow the money to pay the part of their fees asked of him.

Other promising pupils have come to us from Cairo, the Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minia, Luxor to be trained as teachers.

Not all those whom we help are promising; sometimes our patience is sorely tried before results begin to show. But past experience shows that it is worth while to keep at it. A Muslim girl who came to us about three years ago is one in whom we are hoping to see a change of attitude. She likes the school but she is lazy. She says she wants to teach, but is not quite ambitious enough to make the effort to learn her lessons.

Our teachers, both Egyptian and American, have made special effort to visit in the homes of our pupils. Those visits have been of mutual benefit and have promoted a better understanding. The Bible Class teacher makes a point of visiting each member of her class.

In our moments of weariness we are sometimes discouraged. But God does not leave us long without sign of His blessing upon our work of building up day by day the lives of these girls who are to have their share in the work of the Kingdom in Egypt.

Mary L. Thompson.

PEEPS INTO P.M.I. HOME LIFE

You ask me to report on my year's work. If you want "figures" I shall have to decline, for what is uppermost in my mind does not resolve itself into statistics. But if you will come into my room here in our school home I shall gladly share with you some of the days' happenings (happenings that anyone in charge of a school home in America could doubtless duplicate).

"Please, Miss Ruth," pleads one of a group of little girls in breathless tones, "we can't get enough of our playmates to join us on the seesaw under the big shittim tree. Miss Criswell says we are not to ride on it unless we have four girls on each end. What *are* we to do?" (Query: What did Miss Criswell say to them?)

A bar of chocolate has disappeared from my desk since last evening. A little girl was seen yesterday trying to "snitch" it. So now I must get my girl and try to win her from her sin. The poor child has had no "bringin' up."

Little Zakeya sputters a bit over the bitter medicine we find a curative for dirty tongues.

Anaam wails her complaint against a playmate. The rarity of these cases shows what good sisters our big girls are.

You know the joys of dishwashing. This year our girls have sung their way right through this homely task, but here is Balsam to tell us that she has two quarrelsome girls in her division.

It is noon and girls come in to get their letters—six of them today. One has a postal order for book money which she turns over (hard earned cash from her poor preacher father), others leave with a "Thank you." One tells us that her father's health improves; another, that a new baby brother has come to her home, etc.

Five weeks ago a big girl from the Teacher Training class came in, "May I ask you a question?" she said anxiously. "I know I am not clever in my subjects, but my friends and I were very surprised over my poor grade in conduct. Will you tell me why it is so low?" This was just the opening I had been waiting for. So I told her plainly that it was her habit of grouching that was her enemy (a habit since childhood, she later confessed). She stood silent and thoughtful, then gave me a solemn "Thank you." Since then she is living radiantly and both teachers and girls are saying, "What has happened to Fahima?" Just yesterday evening she came in to share the joy of still another victory.

I'm called to the phone . . . It was young Dr. Moneer wishing to talk to Victoria. He took my refusal in a kindly spirit, but another request followed: "May I call on her Saturday afternoon?" Heretofore he has come only with her father. We are firm believers in engaged young people having opportunity to get well acquainted, but it is not an easy thing to manage in a girls' boarding school. He is coming, however, tomorrow, and will be calling from time to time.

Visitors have come. There are many during the week. I try to greet them all and frequently sit awhile with a girl and her friends. Come with me and meet the parents of one of our big girls just recovered from "flu." They have come to rejoice with her and with us and to express their gratitude for the excellent care given her. The father all but took Miss Madory (our house director and nurse) and me in his arms. We pass simple Egyptian-made mints, "sweets of the healing," the girls call them. When served from our musical Swiss plate the joy, especially of the little tots accompanying the father and mother, is increased.

The door-keeper, a very important personage in a girls' boarding school, comes to me with, "Ezekiel Jacob asks to see Fulla Peter," adding, "He says he is her cousin, but he never came to see her before." I quiz the young man from various angles. He passes his examination.

Later, "A man has come to see Raooth Busta. He says, 'I am the husband of the niece of Raooth's aunt on the mother's side.' May he see her?" Such an involved connection requires looking into. "She's my relative, confidently affirms another seeking to pass our portals." "And just what is the relationship?" asks the spinster in charge. The lad falters, "Well, it's not so very close." His request is refused. His courage again rises and he remonstrates, "But I have come *all the way* in from the Boys' College and yet you refuse me!" Which, being interpreted, I take to mean, "But I have worn my handsome new suit, have put on my best necktie, and even bought this gorgeous handkerchief you see in my breast pocket, and *yet* you refuse me!" That was

Junior Sabbath School at P. M. I.

a hard moment for a woman of sympathy.

Venice comes in weeping. She has just had word of her cousin's death and wishes to send a telegram to her mother in the Sudan. Two other big girls quickly follow her and are given silent permission to sit with her.

Here are letters on my desk that will interest you. This one from Rev. Shanooda gives his full consent for Mary's tonsil operation. Now we must get the arrangements made with the Hospital. (Later: Miss Helen Brownlee will be telling you the next chapter of this same pastor's daughter's experience in the Mission Hospital and what a perfect patient she was.)

Here's one from another pastor. (Isn't that beautiful Arabic script?) He pleads for the daughter of one of his parishioners (or members) who is not "rested" in the dormitory. "Her little sleep-mate kicks her in her sleep."

Mofida's father wishes her to go home Friday. Her sister is being engaged.

Here comes Fahim, the cleaner, with a tale of woe: "Please could your honorable self let Uncle Khilla have a look at the mother-of-the-faucets (the "key" to a series of faucets) in the girls' shower-bath section on the third floor? She is dropping, dropping, wasting water. Now you have taught me to mend an ordinary faucet, putting in a new washer, etc., but when it comes to the mother-of-the-faucets I just don't know how to deal with her."

At close of day the little kiddies have the privilege of coming to this room. There are games and books on that shelf and stuffed animals, dolls, etc., in the drawer. I go in and out of the room freely and am often called on, of course, to look at the house they have built, or to cheer for the monkey as he rides the calico elephant to market. The other evening when I returned to the room all was still, the toys all back in their places. And there on the rug lay our twelve youngest, as quiet as mice. Then up bobbed a head and a sweet voice piped, "We're all asleep, and our children with us." Then down went her head and silence again reigned.

Senior Sabbath School at P. M. I.

You would love our girls. I know you rejoice with us that they have this Christian home and pray with us that it may be kept for them and for their successors. These girls comprise all ages and all classes. The school-home is a great mixing bowl. I leave interesting class room experiences, teacher training with visits to other schools, the supervising of the costuming of a big family of girls, etc., for a later time.

Ruth A. Work.

EVANGELISTIC WORK FOR WOMEN

Alexandria

We wish our report this year could tell the story of Muslim women led into the Kingdom by our workers. However there has been an increase in number of Muslim women listening interestedly to lessons taught in the homes and in meetings conducted by the Bible Women. When we go to the villages Muslim children crowd into the meetings and they love to sing the simple little songs we teach them, such as,

"Two little eyes to look to God,
Two little ears to hear His call,
A tongue to praise our Lord and to tell of Him.

"Two little hands to serve God,
Two little feet to walk with Him,
And all my heart for our Lord, to love Him all my life."

Of course, they listen, too, to the more definitely Christian teaching which we give to the women.

In one village where we attempt to gather all the Coptic women of the village into our meeting, we have a good deal of trouble in doing so on account of family quarrels. One day when the women of one branch of the family came to the meeting in the home of another branch of the family in spite of their feeling that members of that household were planning to do them harm, our lesson was on "The Altar of Remembrance" (Joshua 22). The story told of the ten tribes of Israel raising an army to go across Jordan and punish the two and a half tribes for building an altar, supposedly for the worship of some false god. They decided, however, to send a delegation of inquiry and remonstrance first. The delegation discovered that the altar had been built as an altar of remembrance that Jehovah was their God. As the result of the Bible Woman's teaching of this lesson we found the women, after the meeting, shaking hands with one another, and asking one another for explanations of the differences that were separating them and wrecking their friendships.

To such as these the teaching must be "line upon line, and precept upon precept; here a little, and there a little." But we feel that it is all tremendously worthwhile.

Our records for 1938 show increases in numbers of "occasional meetings," of regular meetings, and of pupils taught in their homes. The Hadra Sabbath School, superintended by a young man from the Attarine Church, has doubled its attendance, and reports something over eighty present each Sabbath. This increase in attendance has necessitated our renting a larger flat for the meeting. The Mex and Dekheilah Sabbath meetings for women and children, formerly conducted by volunteer workers, have been returned to the capable and willing hands of Bible Women. The four-passenger "Baby" Austin that has done us excellent service since April 1932, has continued to function throughout the year, but we feel that we shall be compelled to dispose of it soon, as an economic measure. We shall miss it greatly!

We want the prayers of the

church at home that God's word, as it is taught day by day by His workers here, may "have free course and be glorified", and that many souls may be brought into His Kingdom by means of it.

Ethel Lois Weed.

It has been my privilege to work with and to superintend four Bible women who live in four different towns in the Tanta district.

Each one in addition to visiting in the town where she lives visits other smaller towns and villages nearby. Seventeen smaller places have been visited by the Bible women this past year.

In three of the centers the Bible Women have weekly meetings for women in their own homes or in the meeting-places. In the other center a meeting is frequently held in a house.

We have a monthly meeting for the workers at the Bible Training School, when Miss Laura Wright leads them in Bible study while Mrs. W. B. Jamison gives training in singing. There are also periods for inspirational talks and prayer.

In addition to visiting with these Bible Women from time to time, I have been able to go to nearby towns with one of the Bible Women resident in the building.

I thank the Lord for these workers who day after day go from house to house, adjusting a quarrel here, speaking words of comfort in another home where sorrow has entered, endeavoring to win souls to Christ.

Marion A. Paden.

BIBLE WOMEN'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Tanta

I have charge of the Bible Women's Training School with its two Egyptian teachers and fifteen pupils; also of three Bible teachers working mostly in the large city of Tanta.

One girl was graduated in June and is now working with an English Mission, teaching in a primary school, and in the homes. Three new girls entered after the summer and are hard at work.

Most of my time the past year was spent teaching, attending classes, studying the other lessons as well as my own, overseeing the practical work of the students, helping them work out personal problems, and helping them develop into useful servants in His vineyard.

A class of girls from the city comes in four times a week for Bible study and handwork with health lessons. This class is undertaken by one of the resident Bible teachers. The other Bible teacher living in the house has a weekly Missionary Society. Once they were shown pictures of Palestine, another time they heard the story of the kidnapping and release of Mr. Bosshardt, a missionary in China. Usually the girls themselves take the program.

A weekly prayer meeting is a source of power as well as a means of blessing in others' lives.

The missionary society at the church takes up an afternoon every month and I've tried to visit in homes regularly one afternoon a week.

Another venture along the line of building up believers in the faith is to enlist them as prayer-partners, getting them to pray for non-Christians. Fifteen have covenanted to be faithful in this. The idea is that they do this in their homes in secret, and also that we meet occasionally for united prayer. At our first meeting only three came from outside, but they were representative, being a Coptic woman, a Syrian Orthodox and a United Presbyterian.

One October morning I found a note on my desk reminding me that I had been serving ten years in the Bible Women's Training School. The writer spoke of the influence going out all through Egypt because girls had studied here and had learned to love their Lord and were allowing Him to use them as witnesses in needy places. She spoke of herself and her gratitude to God that she had come here, etc.

Thirty-two graduates have gone forth since 1930 and twenty-five are witnessing in needy places. Some are teaching in schools, two are witnessing in Mission hospitals, but the majority are living in lonely out-of-the-way places. Our prayer for each one is that she shall be so surrendered to her Lord daily that He can live in her, transforming her, and using her to His glory.

Laura B. Wright.

MANSURA CITY AND DISTRICT

Four Bible teachers were at work in this District until the end of June. In the town opposite this, a young woman was ill. We were told the mother had refused to allow a former teacher to visit them. We sent a boy to inquire if we might come. The answer came, "Welcome." We went and prayed with the young woman. She died one week later. Now that home is open to us. We went again taking our young minister, who gave a most helpful message. At the time of their mourning some friends in Tanta asked Miss Nasima, one of our teachers there, to go to the sorrowing home, which she did.

In Mahalla, the Bible teacher reports many doors open as a result of her messages at mournings. A Coptic woman had been going and receiving money for her services. When many heard our teacher's gospel message and found out she does not accept pay, they said, "We do not wish this woman. We have a teacher in Mahalla." A young woman ran off from home. Prayer was offered and she returned. This same teacher has been led to bring several drunkards to sign the pledge. They now wear the W. C.

Bible Women's Training School, Tanta, Egypt. Miss Laura Wright, Superintendent.

T. U. pins, and do seem changed. There are sad stories of men who turned Muslim because they think they can better earn a living if their names indicate they belong to the predominating faith of this land.

One lady here in Mansura had been angry with her mother for years. The teacher endeavored to lead her to a spirit of forgiveness. Her husband called out from another room, "That is not your business to interfere in our affairs." The teacher replied, "I hear you are a deacon in the Coptic Church. What kind of a service do you render? Instead of encouraging me to help your wife, you are discouraging good deeds." He then offered to go with them. The daughter kissed her mother on the forehead and peace seemed restored. The mother died one month later.

Interest continues in the Studies of Matthew, Mark, and Luke prepared by Mrs. Seiver. One husband joined his wife in this study. If he was as well prepared as she, surely the Spirit will bring him into a new experience.

The World Day of Prayer was observed here in Mansura by a large number of women and girls. The Kinnear globe lighted by electricity, added interest. In Mahalla, several small groups met together.

There have been discouragements. Doors closed twice here in Mansura. Satan has been busy in one of our churches. But we still believe God's Word. Isaiah 55:11.

Mrs. Kinnear reports: "The club for girls and young women has lost a number through the transfer of fathers to other cities. The enrollment has not dropped. The girls kept Bible Note-books and some received Bible calendars at Christmas as prizes. They made a large number of dresses and uniforms for the Fowler Orphanage. The dressmaking class was popular, but too large to be handled easily, and the same is true of the domestic science class begun later. It has had to be made merely a cooking demonstration. Mr. Kinnear gave two illustrated lectures on "Pilgrim's Progress" to the girls. Now they are studying the book, in Arabic of course, along with suitable Bible passages. A large number of former school girls are coming now, one with whom we had almost lost touch. One young married woman begged so hard to come that we made an exception and asked her to be the helper in the cooking class."

We are most grateful to our remembrancers at home; also to those who have made it possible to bring a bit of sunshine into dark, needy lives.

Laura B. Walker.

BENHA DISTRICT

"By little and little I will drive them out from before thee."

These are words often on the lips of my four evangelists who live and work here and also work out from here in ten different villages. They usually repeat these words when discouraged because of coldness or indifference manifested in the homes where they go to teach. I believe they get real encouragement, as sometimes they feel a bit downcast because of lack of response, and these words bring to them the realization that they are fighting against powers stronger than they but that they are working with One who is able. May we uphold them in their work that their faith fail not but that they go forward in the sure confidence that He who has sent them out will work through them.

As to the year that has passed and its work; it is good for us to pause and take stock and see where we have been lacking and to count the blessings that have been ours. What a wonderful year of blessing it has been and how we praise God for the richness of His Grace poured out on us and on our people.

The school in Quesna has been going on nicely. There is about the same number of children as last year, and we are so glad for the growth in life that we see in them as the months go by. We are so glad too for the opportunity of bringing joy into their lives that they would never know were it not for this school. There were none who went up for the Government examination this year but we shall have a good big class, we hope, in 1939. The head Mistress is doing a very good piece of work. One of her assistant teachers is the product of the Boys' school in another village, and there in that school this girl was trained till she took the Government certificate. Then she went first to our school for Girls in Zagazig and then to the Government training school. She is hoping for a Government job (she will get higher pay in the Government school) but is doing very good work with the little ones there. I wish you could taste some of the things they make in their "house wifery" class under her direction. They are very tasty. The other helpers there are doing very satisfactory work also.

The Women's meeting has been full of interest in this village throughout the year. Several of those who attend will take part or lead the meeting. We are always glad when they overcome their shyness enough to take part in the meetings.

The work in the other villages is following much the same lines as last year. We have rejoiced that the Presbytery has been able to put an evangelist in Birket el Sab for full time and also in Quesna. We feel that much more is being accomplished through having a resident worker. In Berklet-el-Sab we have had two young women come into the church in the last few months, one a girl in the Fourth year of the Boys' School there and the other a bride. Pray for both of them, as they are in places of real temptation and it will be a constant fight for them to live true to their profession. We are hoping that the lack of funds will not make it necessary to go back to having the half time of an evangelist in this village.

The Girls' Clubs are going nicely both here in Benha and in Sheblanga, but the one in Quesna is "still sleeping" as lack of time and physical strength have kept me from undertaking it there.

Pray for the hundreds of women visited monthly or fortnightly by these evangelists and uphold them from time to time as you remember the work of the Kingdom here.

Minet -el Qamh is a new section of the work that has been added to my parish. It was formerly a part of the Zagazig district but we have had no evangelistic worker there for the past year. Sitt Um Gameel has worked there for years and she has a very interesting meeting for women there. Just last spring, a missionary society was organized there. I am so glad to see them carry on with so much initiative of their own. I try to get over twice a month to visit or to attend the meetings and the Bible woman gets here twice a month for her Bible lesson. This village and Sheblanga share in the services of an evangelist under the care of the Presbytery.

Mary K. Coventry.

Cairo, Egypt

As I look back over the work of the past year, I realize that we have much for which to give thanks. In the first place, in spite of the toll that the passing years has taken in the strength of my Bible Women, we have had no serious illnesses among them, except one who had been retired from active service for many years. She passed away early in October after suffering for many months from the infirmities of old age. I don't know her exact age but she must have been eighty or over and yet only in these last months did she fail to take her part in the services of the church and to give a share in the work of the Bible Women. In spite of the tendency of us all to forget those who have been laid aside, I have never seen a greater testimony to the love and affection they had for her, than the crowded house during the days immediately following her death. Words of testimony were spoken there and those who have moved to other places and were unable to be present wrote or spoke of her great service.

We have also great cause for thankfulness that the doors are wide open and we only need more workers and the true guidance which only His Spirit can give that we may reach those whose hearts have been prepared for the message. In this we so much need your prayers that the many calls on our time, may not keep us from hearing the voice which says, "This is the way: walk ye in it."

Again, we thank God for the results we see, although we could wish they were more. At every communion service, women are gathered into the church, many of whom are the fruits of the labors of the Bible Women. In times of sorrow and of joy, we see old customs which are not worthy of the followers of Christ, abandoned and a new realization seen of the privileges and responsibilities which are ours as witnesses.

Another thing which rejoices me very much is the new feeling of responsibility among the women of the church for doing those things which they sometimes considered the special duty of the Bible Woman, and so have not taken their full share in the duties of His followers. In the small church which I attend, it is the women of the congregation who look after the absentees, who visit and comfort those who mourn, along with the Bible Women, who take the lead in doing those things which are their part in the service of the church. As women, how much we have to be thankful for, that not only in our own land, but in all lands where His Name is known, women have been given their share in the work of the kingdom, and should we not pray much that all may realize what privileges are theirs, and also that privilege means responsibility?

Nellie C. Smith.

Cairo

Late last August one of our Bible Women became very ill with diphtheria. She was taken to the Isolation Hospital and placed in the public ward. Miss Smith, returned to Cairo a few days later from summer vacation and found her there with only a thread between her and death. Miss Smith had her moved at once to a second class room where, with quiet and careful nursing she was slowly brought back to health. After her recovery her doctor said to her, that when she went visiting she must tell the women God had practically raised her from the dead, so that she might carry the message of His love.

Because of this illness she has had to discontinue regular visiting in one of her Districts where, in most of the houses she visits, she has to climb from one to six flights of stairs, for her doctor warned her that her heart would not stand that strain. However, there was an urgent need for work in another section of Cairo which had no regular visitation from a Bible Woman. She started to go there two days a week and now has so many homes to visit, she can make only one or two calls a month in many of them. One day while visiting with this Bible Woman my heart was greatly touched with a question. Two attractive young mothers were listening to a lesson on Prayer and at its close one asked: "How does one learn to pray if she does not know?"

Last September another of our Bible Women started a weekly meeting for women in one of Cairo's outlying sections. Each Monday morning she would leave home early, and after a twenty-minute train ride, would go from house to house inviting the women to come and then she would hold a meeting with singing, prayer, and a Bible lesson. All went well until a few weeks ago, when a woman who had previously conducted a meeting in that section, but had discontinued, decided to reopen. Now we are wondering just what is the best plan to follow. We don't want to continue, if she does, lest the people feel that we are in opposition to each other. We do hope that there will be some way opened so we can combine these two meetings.

Another Bible Woman in a different section has for some time been meeting with opposition from a young man who thinks we are on the wrong track because we do not teach more about the Virgin, etc. A couple of weeks ago he succeeded in raising such a disturbance that they were unable to have their regular weekly meeting, so we have discontinued there for the time being. We are somewhat comforted by the fact that there is a little Church within a mile to which those who really want to worship can go. It is not an easy matter, however, for a woman with three or four small children to go that distance to a meeting, and many of them will miss hearing a regular message from God's Word.

It has been our privilege within the past two weeks to hear many echoes from the Conference held near Madras, India. A number of the delegates have been passing through Cairo and have brought us messages of inspiration, and our hearts have been stirred with the anticipation of a whole Christian world and its Churches united as they never have been before in a common loyalty to Christ and the spread of His Kingdom in every country and nation under the sun.

It is with mingled feelings that I write this report of some of the things that have come into this year's work. It has been such a privilege to share in the Evangelistic work of this great City for the past three years, and I lay it down with feelings of regret, more so because there is no one appointed, as yet, to help Miss Smith and it is too big a task for one to carry alone.

On the other hand, it is with a feeling of privilege as well as responsibility that I move on in a few months to take up the work at our Fowler Orphanage, here in Cairo. I would ask a special interest in your prayers that faith and guidance may be given me for this important task.

Lucy Lightowler.

HUSSANIA WELFARE CENTER
Cairo

Again it is time to give you a bird's eye view of what has been going on in our little center, here in a corner of the great city of Cairo with its glamour and its gutters, its splendor and its squalor, its gladness and its gloom. All these and much more enter into the daily routine of this Muslim city.

Hussania is just one very small corner but many of these things apply here as well as around the great Shepherd Hotel. I am thankful to tell you that we do have some sunshine along with the sin even in Hussania.

In looking over the year's work no one fact seems to be prominent.

Daily we have cleaned sore eyes, tied up burns and bruises, cuts and abscesses. Every day we seek to impress upon the women the need for continual efforts toward cleanliness and child training. In our weekly meetings with the mothers who bring their babies for the bath, I feel that we do see a bit of improvement but even so it is very slight. There are a few very simple songs which the mothers and some of the little tots have learned to sing but many times the tune is far from true. Just as often as we think of their shortcomings, we are made to realize anew how much we have to be thankful for that our childhood and youth were directed by those of the Christian faith and in a Christian land where one was free to think and plan for himself. It is a wonderful heritage and thus there is a great obligation along with it that we exercise our best effort in the teaching of these folk in this land of the Nile.

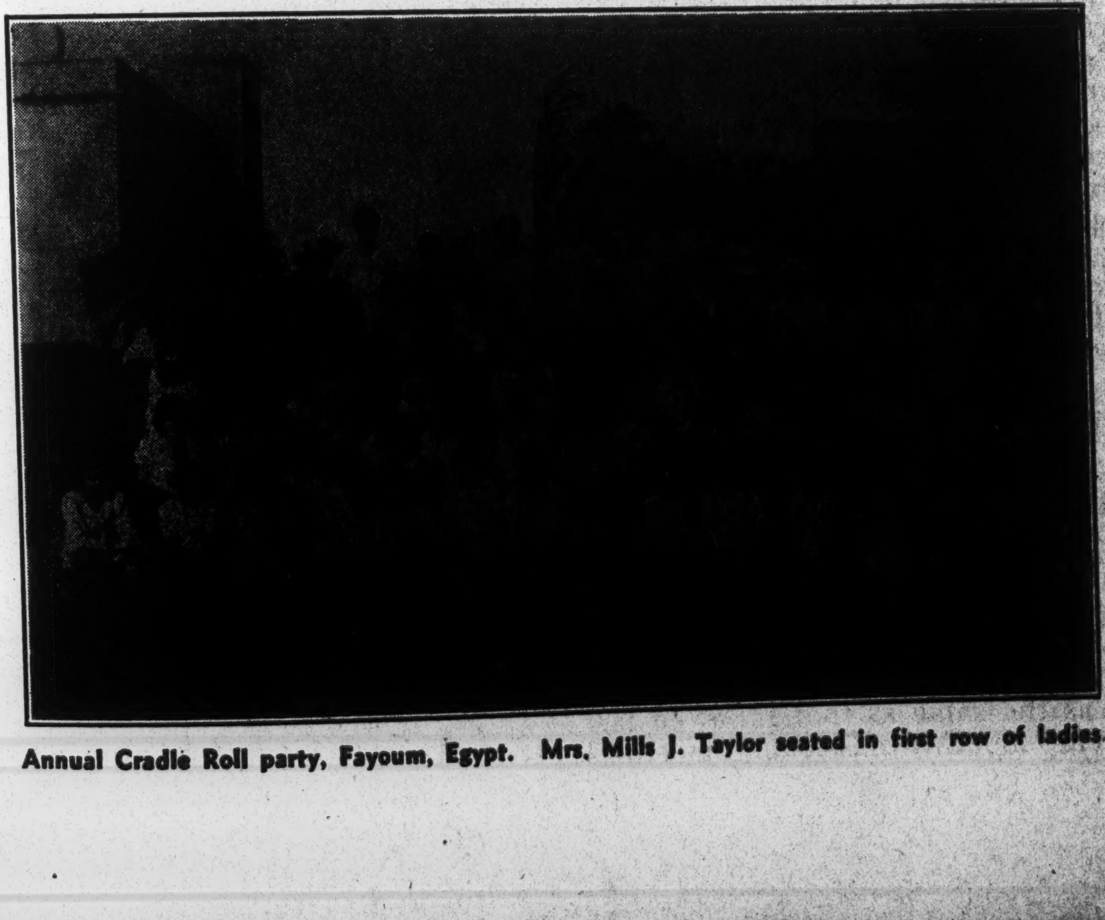
May I just beg of you that you too prove faithful in your thoughts, prayers and gifts that the work may continue as long as we are permitted to carry it on. The time may come even in this land when we will not be as free as we are at present to give the Christian teachings of our Saviour..

Jane C. Smith, R.N.

Fayoum

This past year has been one that will stand out among others because we have had so many distinguished visitors, first our own Board members, Mrs. Boobyer and Mrs. Randles, also Mrs. White of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and Miss Anna Milligan, then later in the spring Dr. and Mrs. Mills J. Taylor. These friends from home were welcome visitors and brought us much encouragement and inspiration. Their untiring interest and helpful counsel were much appreciated.

It happened that Mrs. Taylor was with us when we had our annual Cradle Roll party and was our honored guest. We were glad to have her picture with ours. Our Cradle Roll has about fifty members and once each year they are brought to the school for a get-together of



Annual Cradle Roll party, Fayoum, Egypt. Mrs. Mills J. Taylor seated in first row of ladies.

mothers and children. The children give a short program of songs and scripture verses and then go to their own part of the garden for a Bible story and games. The women have their own meeting and usually one of the church ladies gives a Bible talk. This is an event which they all anticipate with great pleasure.

The girls' club this year has flourished beyond all that we had hoped for. We have an enrollment of over seventy girls with an average attendance of fifty. The girls have reading, writing, hygiene, handwork and Bible lessons. They come one afternoon a week and seem to look forward eagerly to attending the club each week. The last few years they have been giving a Thank Offering and they have given very well. Offerings for the poor in the Fayoum are also taken at Christmas time and at the last meeting before the summer vacation. This gives an opportunity to give to the Lord as they enjoy the privileges He allows them.

We also have a girls' club in one of the villages of the Fayoum province which is held each Friday. This club is a much smaller one, but has been a blessing to the girls who attend. They have been learning scripture portions each year and receive prizes for memorizing the prescribed course. They have done very well and their mothers say to us so many times, "We are so glad you have given the girls something to do in their leisure time." This is something that has eternal value.

It is a privilege to have a share in the training of these young lives and giving to them the message of hope and life in Christ.

Rachel Tracy Seiver.

Beni Suef

My schedule of work for 1938 was the same as that followed last year, monthly missionary meetings in nine towns from Aiyat to Fashn; visits in homes in all these places with occasional meetings and visits in a number of small villages.

Some of the objectives for which we have been striving for our women are: strengthening faith, increasing knowledge of the Word, stressing prayer, teaching some to learn to read, encouraging the reading of the church paper, good books and magazines and training more to take part in women's meetings, thus making them better fitted for Christian life and service.

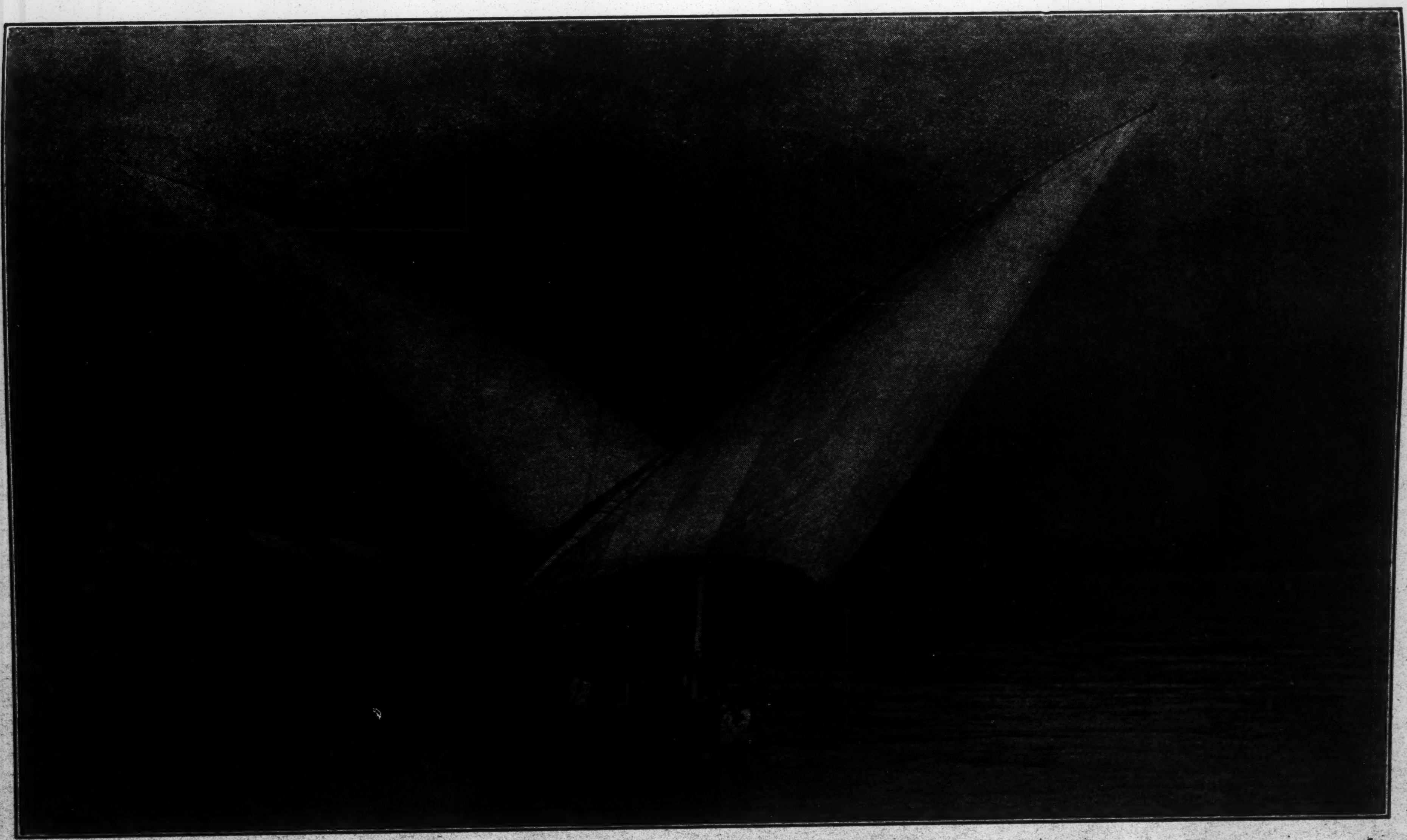
We have experienced some difficulties resulting from worldliness, lack of interest and some opposition. But we have also seen signs of encouragement. My four Bible teachers have worked faithfully and made many contacts with Christians, and Muslims.

Our "Street" Sabbath School had a good record throughout the year. It is a joy to hear the children sing and recite the Golden Texts. We see a great change in the conduct of these boys and girls after a few weeks, and most of them continue to come regularly.

Saneeya, one of our club girls, left us because her family moved to a small village. Her father lost his work through an illness disability. Saneeya was an apt pupil in dressmaking and is now helping her family by sewing. The dressmaking class has been a great help to quite a number of young women in limited circumstances. Bible study and all the activities of the club hold their interest in a marked degree.

The special annual meetings were, a Christmas program, World Day of Prayer, Temperance Society, Thank Offering program and Cradle Roll Party.

Lucia Dwight.



The Ibis Mission Boat. Built as a pleasure boat, owned for a time by Dhuleep Singh, a Maharajah of India, it has borne the Gospel message to the villages of Egypt since 1860. Miss Dwight says: "The only way we can reach some of our villages is on the Ibis."

ASSIUT CITY AND DISTRICT

Life has been a bit bumpy for Miss Julia and me this year. We have been missing on one cylinder or another from the beginning. Mrs. Dunlap and Miss Rena left us in the spring, and Miss Julia's teeth began to take their departure in August; the last one left in September. Things began to look brighter in December when we got Miss Rena back again, and it will not be long now till Miss Julia will be hitting on all thirty-two. In spite of this big handicap, she has done most of the speaking in our district work this year, and has done very well. We are still missing Mrs. Dunlap, and are dismayed to know that there will be no one to take her place next year, but our loss will be Fayoum's gain.

We wish to express our gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Henderson for their hospitality to us on the Mission Boat—"The Witness" during the few weeks we were with them last fall, in the northern part of our district. We returned later for a short visit to several churches in the northern end, when we enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. Daniel Boulous of Hur.

Mellawi Presbytery is making definite plans for a women's Presbyterial meeting to be held next month in Deir Mowass. We hope it will be an inspiration to all who attend.

Assiut Presbytery has only one missionary society, outside of the city of Assiut. In this southern part, people are much more conservative about allowing women to go to meetings in the middle of the week, and also there are fewer literate women in the congregations.

The baby Ford is still going strong, though she broke a spring this winter, and got stuck in the sand this week on the desert road to Deir el Ganadla. It is remarkable how much she can do for her size, though we often wish we could carry two more people, and so make it possible to take volunteer workers with us. My own new acquisition, a piano accordion, has been popular in the village work. It can be carried between two passengers in the back seat, and is as good as a baby organ for volume.

City work. The girls' club which meets at the Khayatt School, is doing well, with very little supervision on my part. We have finally succeeded in getting every girl into a reading class of some sort, and once started, they are enthusiastic.

A new venture has been the beginning of a class for illiterate women in Wilidiya (a humble suburb of Assiut). The work is done by several fine girls who are P.M.I. graduates, living at home. Four of the seven women who are making progress in reading, are Muslims, and some are older women. A married lady who is a member of the Wilidiya church, comes now and then and gives a health lesson. The evangelist's wife is a great help too.

Church choir, S. S. class, Missionary Society, and Y.W.C.A. devotional and sports committees each take part of my time. I am trying to learn one of the hardest lessons there is, I think, and that is to teach other people to do the work I'd like to do myself, along the line of Miles Standish's motto, upside down!

We need your prayers.

Helen M. Walker.

AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

Assiut

A report for 1938 when one has been back on the field for only two months of that year cannot be very complete, but from the two months some impressions of the whole have been gained and can be given.

Of the class of six students who began their training in the fall of 1937 five remained in the training school and proved to be a fine class of nurses in every respect. One of them is a graduate of our Luxor school, one of Zagazig and three of the P.M.I., our girls school in Assiut. The Intermediate class of five students successfully completed their work and in the fall of 1938 found themselves the Seniors and ready for the responsibility that implies.

It has been a disappointment to all that the training school could not take in a new class in the fall of 1938 due to the financial difficulties with which the hospital is faced.

The equipping of a nursery by Dr. William McClenahan in memory of Neal McClenahan, Jr., has made it possible this year to give the nurses better practical experience in the care of babies. The presence of Dr. Tidrick on the staff helped greatly in the building up of this department due to his particular interest in pediatrics.

In response to an invitation from our missionaries in Zagazig Dr. Tidrick and Miss Nagia, one of the Egyptian graduates on our staff, spent several days there holding a series of classes for the school children and mothers of the community on such subjects as health habits, child care and prenatal care. The experiment proved successful as shown in the interest and response of all concerned.

The Sabbath School in connection with the hospital was carried on as usual. It is held every Sabbath afternoon in the free clinic department. Many of the children are from the streets, having had little or no home or school training, and about one-third of them are Muslims. Every week six of our Egyptian nurses along with Miriam, our Bible teacher, teach in the Sabbath School. The number attending was good—often over one hundred.

The hospital and training school greatly appreciated Miss Sprenger's staying over a year, after a short term in Tanta, to help out in Assiut Hospital. She filled well the position of Superintendent of Nurses during her year here.

Helen R. Brownlee, R.N.

FOR LUXOR CITY AND ENVIRONS

The Girls' Society this year did better than last in their Christmas gifts to the poor. They bought and made 32 dresses for women and children and gave $13 in money which they spent for 16 cotton blankets. These all were given to people known to the Bible Teachers who visit constantly in the homes of the rich and poor. It was very hard to decide who were the neediest as we had so many names and could not give to all.

The two Bible Teachers are being welcomed to more and more Muslim homes this past year. *Almost half* of the hearers of Um Mufeda and *a third* of Miss Iffa's are Muslims. Many of these are hearing the Word gladly and hungrily. Do pray for their salvation.

The three Street Children's Sabbath Schools have their ups and downs. We need very badly a young man to teach the big boys. Please pray for this. The boys love to come but so often they come and find no teacher. We do not want to give up these boys to the control of Satan. So please pray that a right teacher may be found for them. When we were having the lessons on the Ten Commandments one little boy said to Miss Iffa, "I used to steal all the time, I learned how from my brother, but I've stopped now since I heard that God doesn't like it." A number of these children seem to be real Christians and pray most earnestly in the meetings.

The women of the church have done well in leading their meetings during the summer and the six months while the pastor was ill, with almost no outside help. A number of them have been led away from our church by attending Pentecostal meetings. Pray that they may "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good" and be established on God's unchangeable Word, not on changeable feelings.

Esther W. Wilson.

LUXOR DISTRICT

Two of the five girls who graduated from the Bible School in Tanta in June 1937 are now serving in Upper Egypt. Both are attractive girls and devoted to the work they have undertaken to do, well knowing that their position in Egyptian society is not an easy one. Miss X is doing good work in a provincial capital containing a large, very conservative Muslim community, a smaller and not too friendly Coptic community and a fairly large Protestant congregation. Largely because there is no Mission Girls' School in the city, the women's work in this congregation was entirely undeveloped, and no woman or girl took part in any meeting or society. Now Miss X has a flourishing Young Women's Group, meeting at the church once a week for Bible Study and a Social hour and it is a joy to see them take part in the Bible discussions and to chat with them later as they sew dresses for little waifs in a nearby orphanage. They went out for an all-day picnic some time ago—something several of them had never done before. Now we are trying to get them enthusiastic to teach those who cannot read. One young woman has already taught two Mohammedan servant girls to read and is hoping to start a Mohammedan neighbor soon so that she too may be able to read the Bible. We hope some of these girls may be able to teach the little girls in the Sabbath School one of these days, as they are grouped with the women and all taught by Miss X at present. Formerly the pastor taught them all but he is so glad to be able to turn this work over to Miss X. In a land "where marriageable young girls should not be seen and heard in public" all these developments are quite startling, in such a conservative community. Miss X's warm love for the Lord and her very winsome personality are opening up doors for service in many places. She now spends two days a week in nearby towns and villages and thus reaches many women and girls with the Gospel, many who would not otherwise hear it. The congregation mentioned before pays half her salary and appreciates her services and we hope their example may stir up other Egyptian congregations to support work for women in this way. Miss X was brought up by a very poor, ignorant grandmother but greatly appreciates the Christian training that missionaries have given her and she longs that others may know her Lord, Who has done so much for her.

Her classmate, Miss Y, is serving in another center, more difficult in some respects. But she too is finding many open doors. It is a joy to sit with her in the midst of a large group of women and children and hear her tell them about Jesus. Several Christian village women have opened their homes to weekly meetings where the neighbors can thus gather and many Mohammedan women slip in to hear the "sweet stories." There is always the fear that their husbands will forbid them to attend these meetings. Miss X is sowing much good seed and we are, with her, looking forward to the harvest day. "And it shall be, that *whosoever* shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved."

Upper Egypt contains the remains of many temples built by the

Pharaohs and the Ptolemies but their day is past. We in our day, by the grace of God, and by the help of girls such as Miss X and Miss Y are seeing the rise, in Egypt, of a spiritual house, made up, like us, of those "who were no people but now (!) are *the people of God;* who had not obtained mercy, but now (*to Him be all the praise*) *have obtained mercy.*"

Helen J. Noorewier.

The Year in The Sudan

EDUCATIONAL

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL

Khartum North

SCHOOLS in America often advertise by naming the list of their famous graduates. The Girls' Boarding School in Khartum North cannot lay claim to any who have gained fame, nevertheless it is with pride that we look over the list of those who have been graduated from the second year secondary between the years of 1922 and 1926 and the fourth year secondary since that time when two additional years of work had been added. Of the 65 girls who have taken diplomas 26 are now teachers, three are graduate nurses and a fourth a practical nurse in the C.M.S. hospital, 16 are housewives, seven are Bible Women and 12 are at home, some of them doing Sudanese work or other handwork as they can, and one filling a role which takes much courage in a land where one feels it a disgrace to do anything which might be considered the work of a servant—she is taking care of the children of a British family. In this land where there are so many divorces and other snares and difficulties for women, not one of these graduates has been divorced and only one has a reputation which might make it impossible for us to have her as one of our helpers in the mission work.

An alumnae party was given on the school lawn at which 39 of the 65 graduates were present. Even the weakest of these fills a position of leadership among her people. Twice this year at weddings of her relatives we noticed that one of our teachers who is not a leader and whom we consider lacking in initiative in comparison with her fellow workers in the school is a recognized, though quiet, organizer and even director of thought in the circle in which she moves.

With the exception of several Jewish girls every one of these 65 has confessed her faith in Christ and six of the Muslim girls have taken the much more difficult step of being baptized. An interesting fact is that the children of all the Muslim girls who have been married are now pupils in our school and are having daily Bible lessons as did their mothers.

Three of our older Muslim girls left us during the month of January to enter the government school in the hope that they might get teaching positions. Two of these have been boarders for years, are unusually fine girls and very dear to us. We are sure that they both believe; the older one has not been the least bit hesitant about confessing her belief even in chapel before the assembly. She bought an English Bible to take with her to her new school and she says she continues to read it. We feel sorry about the going of these girls from the Christian environment of the mission, but it is true that there is little chance of employment for them should they remain with us and both families need the help that they can give if they get positions with the government.

Two of our older Christian girls have also dropped out without finishing the high school course, one to teach in the newly opened school which is being sponsored by the Christian people of Kereima with the help of the Sudan Presbytery, and the other to teach in our school here in order that she may have some money to help her orphaned brothers and sister. Two other advanced pupils quit because we insisted on their taking two more years of work instead of trying to finish in one.

The enrollment has been higher and more steady than for a number of years, but the increase has been in the lower grades where the contacts are not so effective, it seems to us, as they are in the high school. Work scholarships help a number of those who could not otherwise go on with their high school work. The bulk of the work which we have to offer is the care of classrooms, and for years the boarding pupils have been responsible for the cleaning with no complaint on their part. But sad to say, the day pupils, or more especially their parents, feel that such work is debasing. One mother who has never paid full fees for her daughter but who must do so now that the child has reached the high school where we require full tuition of every pupil, was offered a work scholarship for her daughter which she was most loathe to accept. She wept bitterly and remarked, "To think that I should ever come to such a condition as this, that my daughter must work to stay in school." But in spite of their feeling of shame the girl has accepted her assignment of cleaning the clinic every day.

Each year we see evidence that the girls are acquiring more of the specific personal qualities which the school tries to develop. Among these are initiative, honesty, and independent judgment. There was a time when no picnic was planned without the whole responsibility being borne by the missionaries—now the teachers and girls plan their own excursions and the Americans are often invited as guests. Teachers decide for themselves many details which used to be left to the American staff, and they use much more originality in their classrooms than formerly. While dishonesty and other evils which go with it are certainly not extinct they are not so prevalent as they once were. One of the joys of coming back to the school after a year's furlough is to see the evidences of growth of character as well as of body in some of the pupils.

Three girls were graduated from the high school this last December. They gave talks on commencement day on the subjects: "The Mother and the Home," "The Boarding Department of the G.B.S.", and "Habits". These were in Arabic on the day that the program was given for the women, and in English on the second day. One of these three is one of our own girls, a fine young woman in whom we are well pleased. She has entered the Bible Women's training class. The other two both happen to be the fifth and youngest girl of their families to receive their education in our school.

An agent in helping in the development and in widening the interests of our older girls is the Girl Guide organization with which several different British ladies have given much time and effort.

As we see our girls day by day, little undernourished mites and strong sturdy ones, kindergarten, primary, and secondary, girls of numerous nationalities and representing every stratum of society in the Sudan, we thank God for our opportunities and for those who make it possible for us to make use of them.

Marguerite McClellan.
Mary E. Coie.

GIRLS' SCHOOL AND VILLAGE WORK

Doleib Hill

I suppose it is true of all work that there are both encouragements and discouragements; at any rate, this has been most true of my work this past year. Work with a primitive people must necessarily be slow, better that it should be so. We want no mushroom growth but rather that of the oak or the teak wood. It is most discouraging then to have criticism aimed at your work when changes do not take place over night. Mrs. Donald Fraser, a medical missionary who has worked for years with African women says—"Livingstone is an example of the white man who understood the African. In all his journeys he traveled slowly, letting his fame precede him. He *won* his way through Africa, where Stanley pressing on had to *fight* for a passage. 'More haste, less speed' is a proverb that might have been coined for Africa, and it is well to pay heed to it." The African cannot be rushed into anything. Patience without limit is required and it is a difficult grace to possess, especially when quick results are asked for and reports required.

There are encouragements: There are those who continue to attend our village class meetings when quilts are finished and no more patches are received. A girl refused to go home and help her sister with the work lest she miss the reading class. One girl works away with an eye to the class and appears as soon as the reading lesson begins. (A little incident in every day life, by the way, with splendid teaching value, and I might add, the proper time and place for the teaching). The village across the river is so desirous of their class meetings that they are willing to cooperate in the work to the extent of sending some one to row me over and bring me back. The man came late one evening so there was little time for anything except giving out the quilt patches, and a song of praise and prayer. The man himself saw there was no time for any teaching and of his own initiative said he would come earlier the next time and did.

The Girls' School has grown to 40 enrolled with other occasional attendants and visitors. All are welcome for it is contacts, as many as possible, we want even if these occasional visitors do not make for a well run school. It is not a *well organized and efficiently run school* I am working for but for *the best interests of the women and girls,* and the two do not always go together.

In one village the average attendance has been around 35. In the village across the river it has been 15, with a high mark of 40 one day. In a new village just opened the average attendance has been around 12 or 15. Meetings are held twice a week in each of these villages at the present time.

I am doing what I can to get them to feel their need of some teaching in child welfare work and hygiene. It is badly needed but there is no use in forcing it on them; it will do more harm than good if done in that way. Infant mortality has been something perfectly dreadful the past two or three months. How I have wished and wished and wished for the trained nurse we have asked for time and again, that she might go into the homes with me and show these poor women how to care for their little sick babies right in their homes, and more important still how to care for them to keep them strong and healthy. Pray with us that such a nurse may be found and sent out in the very near future.

Elsie E. Grove.

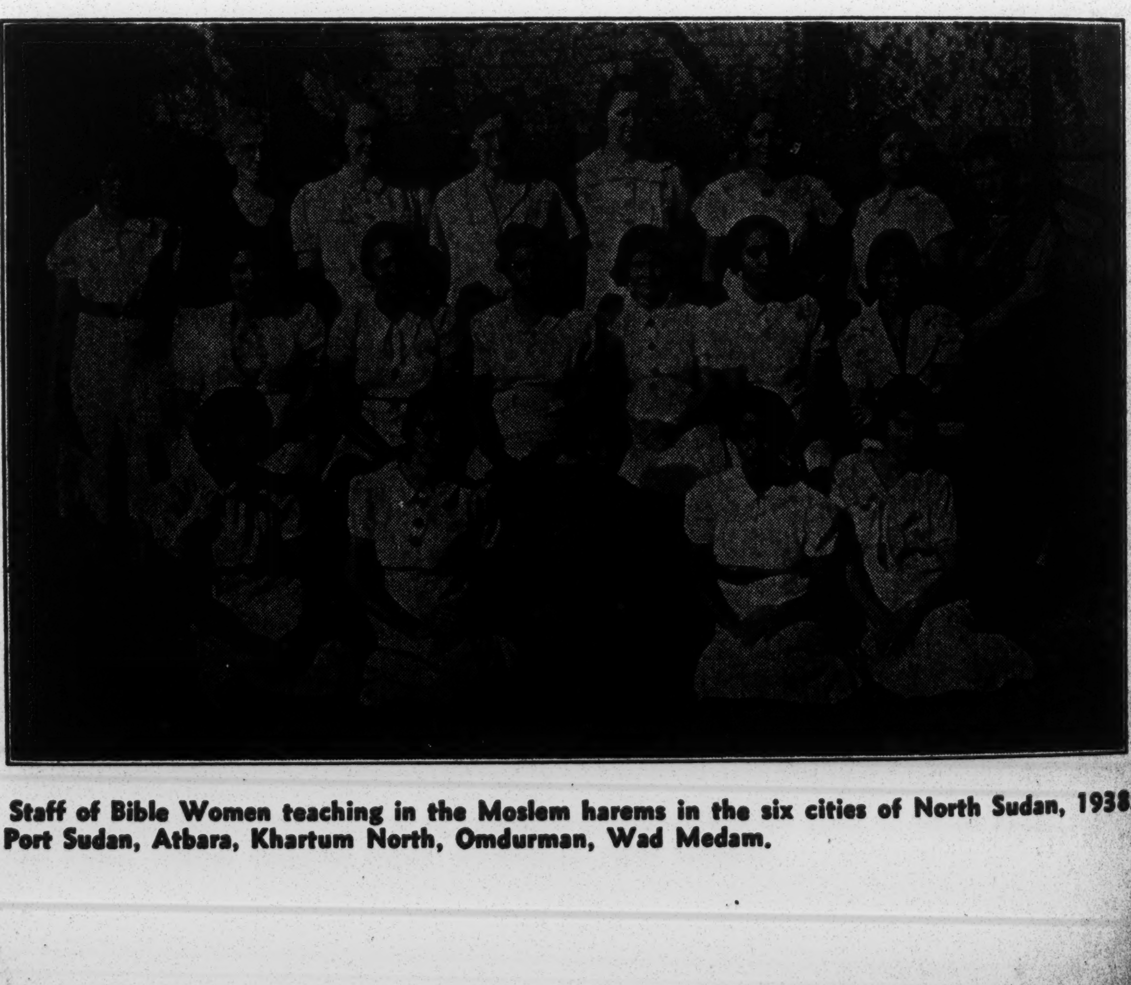
THE BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK

Khartum and Khartum North

The work has been going on very well in spite of the fact that we had to double up on workers. Miss McKnight had to take over the work of General Treasurer for the Mission when Dr. Shields went on furlough and so it has fallen to my lot to superintend the work as well as have charge of the Training School. Since there was only a beginning class in training it was possible to make this adjustment. There have been two in training throughout the year and part of the time three. These trainers are carrying their share of the work through their practice teaching. One of these who is in training is a Muslim convert from Atbara who was herself taught in the home. Sitt Esther, the wife of Dr. Dawand Scander (herself a Muslim convert) had much to do with getting this young woman to confess Christ and be baptized.

The work in Burri, a village about half way between Khartum North and Gereif, which was begun about one year ago, has been progressing very well. My trainers are responsible for the work in this village under my supervision. In the farther end of this village the young women come together in the house of one of their number. The enrollment in this one house has reached thirty-two. Each girl has an individual reading lesson and they have their Bible lesson together and are learning to sing the Psalms as well. They also have some kind of handwork; some of them are making the *mensig* (native embroidery) work, others are learning to crochet, a few to knit, and several have gotten the fever for making the fancy pillows which we often find in the more well-to-do homes.

We have had 243 on our roll throughout the year; of these 77 were reading the Bible. The Deim has usually been included in the



Staff of Bible Women teaching in the Moslem harems in the six cities of North Sudan, 1938. Port Sudan, Atbara, Khartum North, Omdurman, Wad Medam.

Khartum report but this year it has been included in the Omdurman work.

There has been a special interest in prophecy due to the rumors of war and preparations for war which have been constantly in the talk of the people. Muslims, as you know, do expect the return of Christ even though their idea of His return is not the Christian one.

We are feeling more day by day the imperativeness of reaching the Muslim men. Very many of the women who have been taught acknowledge their belief but they do not come out and be baptized because their men are not ready to go with them. A little incident I recall will illustrate this. One young girl in talking with her father said: "If everybody lived like this Bible which Sitt—— teaches me tells us to live, there wouldn't be any wars." The father said: "Is the Christian religion then better than ours?" The daughter replied: "Yes." The father's answer was: "Are you then wanting to become a Christian?" She said: "Yes, if you will all come with me."

We again request your prayers for the work among the men, that God would lead out into the way in which this should be accomplished and that our Christian men, both pastors and laymen, would be willing to follow where He leads at whatever cost.

Una Coie.

OMDURMAN

The outstanding growth in the work this year has been in the meetings. Interest that was lagging in the Monday afternoon meeting for Sudanese girls at the missionary's house has been renewed with the starting of Sudanese embroidery lessons given by a native teacher. Large mats are spread out on the lawn and four girls sit working at each of the several frames. Others come to learn crocheting so there is usually a good group to sing psalms and choruses and hear the Bible lesson at the end of the afternoon.

In Wad Nabowi (which is on the very edge of the city and from where one can look across the desert to the Kerreri hills where the battle of Omdurman was fought), another group of about 18 girls and older women meet to learn sewing, reading, Bible stories and songs. It is an especial pleasure to work with this group as there are those among them who dare to show a real interest and although not baptized are even called Christians by their neighbors. It is rumored that a next door neighbor is wanting to sell his house so as not to live next to these infidels.

Once a week three teachers have gone to the Deim, a large village just out of Khartum. Here the walls of the house where we hold the meetings are fairly bulging and we've been kept wondering where we can put the next embroidery frame. The teachers have been kept busy too as the girls leave their sewing by turn and come and take a reading and Bible lesson.

We kept hearing from girls in the far end of the Deim, who could not come to the meeting because of the distance, that they wanted a meeting too. One of our old pupils moved to this section and offered her house for the purpose. This meeting started with about seven and is steadily growing.

These meetings are in addition to the daily house to house reading and Bible lessons. With a gradual increase in numbers during the year by the end of the year we were reaching over 250 girls weekly and about 87 of these are reading the Bible for themselves. One of the church women who has helped us for several years has continued to give one day each week to this work without remuneration.

Atbara

The work at Atbara continues with about the usual number of pupils, approximately 40. This fills the time of the one teacher stationed there. The roll has been a changing one and consequently there are not many advanced pupils. But there seem to be new ones ready to take the places of those who drop out so we are glad for each opening. Two pupils who are reading the Gospels seem very sincere in receiving the message and we feel that they truly believe.

Port Sudan

Port Sudan is the newest of the out-stations where the work is carried on alone by native workers. With the reopening of the work after the summer holidays a second teacher was sent to help Sitt Sara as the work had become too much for her alone. Since then the work has continued to grow by leaps and bounds until both teachers have nearly all the pupils they can handle. It is a most interesting and for the most part a very intelligent group. Many of them are from Gedda, some are Indians, Egyptians, Arabs or mixtures of these different races and all are either Muslims or Copts.

The greatest problem in the work is that of transportation. The various residential sections of the town are so widely separated that workers cannot profitably go from one to another on foot. However, living quarters for the teachers have been found in a section where most of their work is carried on and they must use a taxi but one day a week.

As we view the work of this year in these three cities we feel that God has been working and opening doors for us to enter. As he continues to cause doors to swing open, may we never fail to enter through neglect or unfaithfulness.

E. Verna Pillow.

WAD MEDANI

Work Among Women and Girls

The census table for Wad Medani this year moved from 133,000 to 150,000, an increase of 17,000 since the last census. This is one of several indications that this is a progressive city and that the American Mission made no mistake in enrolling it on its roster of Mission Stations. It was a step of faith on the part of the Boards who are undertaking this new work. For these 150,000 Muslims, what a blessed act of God's gracious providence!

There are many things of interest with which this report might be filled but since it is a report of the work among the Muslim women and girls in the homes we shall limit it to that work. On this last day of the year we have just completed the statistics which are as follows:

Total number of pupils taught in homes, 1938	218
Net enrolment January 1, 1938	54
Net enrolment January 1, 1939	155
Total number of lessons taught	2494
Total time of three teachers	15 months
Average number of lessons given daily by one teacher	8

In order that these statistics may tell the truth, some explanations are necessary. Some pupils were enrolled for a time and dropped and among these were some who had had several years of lessons. Others were dropped after a few months, which accounts for the difference between the total enrolment and the net enrolment. That difference this year was 63, which is a little more than one-fourth of the total. This is not an unusual turnover for any normal year. In fact it is good when we consider that this is practically a new work. Several causes contribute to this loss: for example I notice that 11 moved away and in some cases are taken on by our workers in their new home. Twenty-one were definitely forbidden by their families to go on with their lessons for religious reasons. The others have frittered out because of lack of zeal in most cases. The item, total time of teachers, is the sum total of time spent in teaching, excluding vacations and the time spent in our annual institute for the teachers. The lessons totalling 2494 are the exact number of lessons in Arabic reading. In many cases a large class was taught the one Bible lesson. In one home 17 girls have assembled and in another 14. We praise God for His goodness to us.

Three sewing classes have been held weekly—in the afternoons. In each case a Bible lesson has been given.

Aulora R. McIntyre.

FARTHEST SOUTH

Akobo, A. E. Sudan

Time for annual report and not much to report, but some flitting here and there. The winter of 1937-38, I spent teaching English in the Boys' School in Omdurman. I had twenty-three 45-minute periods a week. I found the work interesting but I had not much chance of preaching Christ in English Reading. One class of beginning English contained forty pupils who, although very interesting, were a bit trying at times. However all seemed to advance in knowledge of English and I hope in morals and manners too.

After a lovely summer vacation in Cyprus, I taught in the Boys' School again during September 1938. On October 9 I left for Doleib Hill and arrived there on the thirteenth. I spent two months there living with Miss Grove and studying the Anuak language.

On December 9 in company with Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McClure and family, I left for Akobo. We arrived here on December 13. Since then my time has been spent in getting settled here and in language study. While at Doleib Hill, I spent four hours a day with a teacher, here it has usually been two hours a day.

A boys' school was open here for about two months and I spent a little time helping the teacher get the beginners started.

Some strong crying and tears have gone up in prayers to our Heavenly Father for our Christian friends and others in Ethiopia, especially at Sayo. Reports from Sayo show that these prayers of yours and mine have been answered. Let us not forget.

Isabel Blair.

The Year in Ethiopia

AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

GEORGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1938

Out-patients	12,781
Town calls	105
In-patients	751
Hospital patient days	14,404
Medical patients	581
Surgical patients	102
Pediatric patients	53
Obstetrical patients	15
Major operations	53
Minor operations	70
Well Baby clinic outpatient days	460
Well Baby clinic injections	47
Intravenous injections	3,758

Religions Represented

Copts	605
Moslems	95
Pagans	77
Native Christians	50
Roman Catholics	13
Armenian Orthodox	12
Hindus	2
Banyan	1
Buddhist	1
Unknown	6

17 Ethiopian Tribes represented and 14 other nationalities.

THE YEAR 1938 IN ETHIOPIA

We present herewith the statistical report of the George Memorial Hospital for 1938. Figures often look uninteresting on paper and fail to give a complete picture of the sowing of the seed, of human suffering alleviated, and of souls won or pointed to the Saviour, who is ready and willing to save unto the uttermost. Our figures do show that our hospital is host to the many tribes and tongues and nations that make their home within the borders of Ethiopia. The George Memorial Hospital is at the strategic cross-roads of the country and many transients, taken ill far from home, are taken to our hospital or find their way here, where many hear the gospel story for the first time in their lives. The many religions represented reveal the setting in which gospel preaching is carried on here. This year we have a larger number of pagans listed than ever before. All of these pagans came from a province called Kambatta, a place where devil-worship is the only religion found. These men came to Addis Ababa to work as laborers on the roads. Typhus fever took a great toll of them and it was our privilege to minister unto them and preach the gospel among these lost sheep who had never heard of the Saviour. The increased number of native Christians listed is encouraging.

Our greatest difficulty in the work here continues to be the shortage of professional nurses. Whereas the Women's Board had appointed Mrs. A. W. Pollock to the field and given us permission to call Sister Elizabeth Klein from Germany, permissions for their travel to Ethiopia were not granted by the Italian government. With Miss Marjorie Faught's furlough due in April, we shall be more short-handed than ever. We are hoping, however, that local help may be obtained to tide us over until Miss Faught can return to us. Miss Beatty's furlough is due also in the early part of 1939 but she has cheerfully volunteered to remain for another year as did Miss Faught. Sister Anne meanwhile shoulders a good share of the work and we are most thankful to have her. Our old friends will remember Sister Greta, who was formerly with us as a nurse, but who established a home of her own when she married Mr. Arno Geikler of Addis Ababa. Mr. Geikler has now joined our compound group as general mechanic and Mrs. Geikler has been most helpful in going back to her old duties in the hospital both as relief nurse and full time nurse. We appreciate her fine spirit of service and it is plain that the Lord can raise up help for His work at a time of great need.

Dr. Harriet Skemp Nystrom returned from Egypt in July and at once plunged into the work in the hospital as though she had never been ill. Since her return Mrs. Nystrom has carried a heavy share of responsibility. Mr. Nystrom continues as hospital pharmacist, teacher of Italian and of Amharic and has made himself one of those useful cogs in practical matters which make for a smoothly running organization.

Our Well Baby Clinic is now a going concern, as the figures will show. Nearly every week new mothers come to the clinic with their babies for advice as to feeding, clothing and general care. There is great need for instruction in child care in Ethiopia, and as most of the people are very poor we have frequent occasion of giving a bit of clothing to children who otherwise have only their mother's *shamma* for warmth or a ration of milk for other poor families who cannot afford to buy it for their infants. We have seen gratifying results in weight gain and improved health among these little ones. Some gifts for the work of the Well Baby Clinic were gratefully received and are filling a great need.

We have always had the ideal of a training school in mind for our native help. But an insufficient teaching staff makes this impossible for the present. We have, however, begun classes for ward attendants in the teaching of care of patients. This has resulted in a greater interest shown by ward attendants and better service to the patient.

With the closing of the Seventh Day Adventist hospital here our hospital facilities and staff have experienced an additional burden. We pray for additional strength and that doors may yet be opened for new professional help in a place and at a time when opportunities for witnessing for Christ have never been greater.

John A. Cremer, M.D.

AN ENLARGING SERVICE

It might be encouraging to those of you who read the Magazine, and who keep in touch with our work, to hear of a few examples of those whose lives have been influenced and changed by their stay in our Hospital. So many patients come and go from day to day that we really know very little of the effect of the Gospel story upon their lives. But there are a few who stay a long time with us, and then we are privileged to know what the message has meant to them. I wish to tell you of three who have been definitely touched during their stay in the Hospital. Two of them knew the Lord before they came, but their lives were deepened spiritually while they were here, and the third one has come to know the Lord for the first time.

The first one is a young man who was sent to a Mission school in Addis Ababa some years ago by one of our former missionary doctors. Later on he worked in the Hospital in one of the wards, but he was not a success at that kind of work and so left us and we lost track of him. During the riots of May, 1936, when so many wounded and sick soldiers poured into Addis and were taken to the various hospitals, this boy was taken to the Sudan Interior Leprasarium which was being used for soldiers in the emergency. Later on he was transferred to our hospital and stayed with us for over two years. He received an injury to the right leg which resulted in a bone infection, and three or four operations and much treatment failed to cure him. But he grew somewhat better and was able to be up in the wheel chair and later, on crutches. Then he began talking about going home, and we thought it would be the best thing for him. His home is not far away, and the doctor was able to take him in the car to within a short distance of his home. He took with him a supply of dressings with which to dress his leg, and also a Bible and a deeper knowledge of his Lord and Saviour. It was during the first series of special meetings that we had, that he testified of having come to know the Lord better. And he had many opportunities of reading the Word and of hearing it taught during his long stay here. He hadn't been gone very long until he sent to us for some Gospels, for he said he was teaching the people around him. Recently he sent a second time for Gospels. We are very happy that the Lord is using him as a witness to those in his neighborhood for we are quite sure that they have no other witness. Will you pray for Ejetti that as he sows the seed, the Holy Spirit will water it and cause it to bring forth fruit to the glory of God?

The second one is a young woman, Ascala, who came to us from the neighborhood of the former Sudan Interior Mission headquarters and she had confessed Christ as her Saviour in their meetings. She worked for us for some months in the women's wards and then became ill. She complained of pain in her chest and of generally feeling miserable. The doctor sent her home with a bottle of cod liver oil and instructions to rest for a number of weeks. She was never able to come back to work but grew thinner and weaker. Finally she was brought to the Hospital and spent months in bed in an attempt to overcome that dread disease, tuberculosis. She grew a little better and was able to be up and about, but she can never be well. She passed her time in bed in learning to read quite well, and in doing some knitting. During the months she became more familiar with the Word, and was sometimes able to attend services. Then, she, too, wanted to go home. Before she went she asked us to pray for her that she might be a witness in her home and among her friends. We told her that she could read the Bible to those around her, and pray with the women, and she seemed eager to do it. Several weeks ago we went to see her. In spite of her constant cough and consequent lack of rest and sleep, she was happy and cheerful, and told us how the people around her know God and are hungry for his Word. Some of the Christians from the compound have been going over every Sabbath afternoon and holding services in the homes there and having as many as thirty in attendance. And Ascala has been reading to the women and praying with them, and witnessing for her Lord. She said there was nothing being done for the children and so we suggested that she might teach them the alphabet and eventually to read the Bible. She asked for alphabets and wanted to do this. We believe that she has truly had a deeper experience of the Lord and is being a witness to Him in spite of her physical handicap. We have just learned that she has had to move from that neighborhood, but we feel that she will be a witness wherever she goes.

More than two years ago Ababitch came to us suffering from an incurable condition. She was admitted to the Hospital and has had three or four operations in an attempt to correct the condition; but they have failed as they nearly always do in a case like hers. She has spent most of the two years in the Hospital and has come to a personal knowledge of Christ as her Saviour and has learned to read His Word. She realizes that her case is hopeless and, although she is only a young woman, she longs to die and go to be with her Lord. She knows that with Him all suffering and pain will be at an end and she will be with Him for all eternity. We who know her constant suffering and the hopelessness of her case wish that she might soon be released from her suffering and go to be with the Lord. She loves to read the Bible and to hear it read. She is my inspiration when I read or talk to the women in the ward. It is a joy to read to her the passages which tell of the wonderful hope that we have in Christ, when there will be no more pain and death and tears. She truly knows the Lord as her Saviour and finds comfort in His Word, and is ready to go to be with Him when He shall call her to Himself.

Many times in the Hospital work we are too busy and rushed to stop and talk to the patients about vital things, and we get discouraged and wonder if it is all worthwhile. But the witnessing is constantly going on in the wards and sometimes it is given to us to know that a patient has accepted Christ. So we know that it is infinitely worth while to carry on, for we are as a lighthouse to those around us and to those who come within our walls. Just recently a new system of teaching has been begun in the wards. It is too new yet to tell of the results, and in most cases we shall never know. But we are confident that the seed sown in these days will bring forth fruit, and here and there will be those such as Ejetti and Ascala witnessing for the Lord in their homes and in their neighborhoods. Will you join us in prayer that the Word may bring forth much fruit to the honor and glory of God?

Marjorie Faught, R.N.

WOMEN AND BABIES

Ethiopian women receive more respect than do women of most Mission fields. This can be explained, probably, by the fact that the foundation of Ethiopian law and custom has been Christian, and women have been given property rights and a measure of independence. However, even here, women have not been considered of equal value with men when it came to education and to medical care. Medical work among women in Ethiopia has been limited and unsatisfactory, consisting for the most part of free work among chronics.

This past year has seen a change in our Women's Wards. Many times we have been full to overflowing and the percentage of pay patients is increasing. The fact of having patients to care for makes us happy, but the probable explanation brings sorrow. Ethiopian women have more available money than before, often earned immorally. Results of venereal diseases compose a large group of our women patients. What a challenge this is for us to reveal Christ to these women! I shall not forget one experience with a painted, gaily dressed, hard-faced woman. I almost told the Lord she was impossible, but the very mention of the One "Who so loved" brought tears and a sad, sad story of coercion and of a hungry heart.

We have been longing for a Bible Woman to speak with the women sick in the wards but so far have found no one trained. Mariam, the wife of one of the evangelists, has offered to read and pray with them, as she can spare time from her home duties, but her babies have had chicken pox these last two months so she has been unable to come to the hospital. It is a burden upon our hearts. Our own hours become so full of necessary medical care that very little personal talking about the Lord can be done.

More native babies have been born in our hospital during the past months than in most previous years. The tragedy is that so many women come in too late to save the baby's life and, too often, even too late for the mother. What a joy it is when we have normal, healthy black babies in our nursery for newborns!

The Pediatric Ward has grown out of bounds. Beds are crowded to the limit and we have laughingly considered double-deckers. Our "Well Baby Clinic" occasionally sees a well baby. From twelve to seventeen come each time, and many are gaining from week to week. They do seem to be cleaner and some mothers are feeding their infants cereal. Giving out cod liver oil regularly is probably our most noteworthy medical achievement. Our evangelist speaks to the mothers each time they come, teaching them a Bible lesson. Just this past month a little boy with congenital syphilis, whom we had been treating for a year, came into the hospital with convulsions and died during the night. The father and mother revealed remarkable faith and peace—not their usual tumultuous grief—and spoke of their confidence and hope in Eternal Life in Christ Jesus.

Many times we have questioned the value of results in the face of the strain of uncertainty so far as the future is concerned, and then we make rounds in the hospital and see the smiling, suffering faces and wonder where else can they receive loving care, and where in all this country can they hear the Gospel message. How can we leave them?

Harriet Skemp Nystrom, M.D.

THE PRAYER MEETINGS

In Addis Ababa we have much for which to be thankful. Time and again God has revealed His power and loving care. There have been times when it seemed that there might be a scarcity of flour, sugar, oil and such things as seemed necessary, but when the time came when these really needed to be replenished God supplied all that was needed.

Each Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, 8 o'clock eastern standard time, we meet together for a time of prayer. At present the men meet in one of the rooms of the hospital, while the women take turns in having the meeting in their home. Every third or fourth week it is in one of our homes. Usually there are at least twenty at these meetings and very often more. A portion of Scripture is read, several songs are sung and the remainder of the hour is spent in prayer. It is not easy for these women to pray in public, but at least a dozen have learned to pray as they meet together for prayer. This gives us much encouragement.

One of the patients who had been at the Hospital for many weeks went to live with his sister. He has sent for some Bibles and wants to have a school where he can teach the children of his village to read.

Often as we go through the hospital we see a patient reading a Bible that has been given to him by the evangelist. Sometimes when patients go home they ask for a Bible to take with them. · Who knows how many lives are touched in this way? Some who do not know how to read ask for alphabet cards so that they can learn.

Surely we have many opportunities in these days, and we thank God for the privilege which is ours.

Ruth Beatty.

THE ADDIS ABABA GIRLS' SCHOOL

Another year has rolled merrily by for us here in the Girls' School, Addis Ababa. How happy we are to be able to report on it, for our continuance is cause for deep praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father. The school program during the past year has continued from week to week with only three brief recesses. These included two weeks at Easter time, a month in the Fall at the time of the Ethiopian New Year and Feast of the Cross celebration, and, because of particular uncertainties, a mere weekend at Christmas time. So at least we have tried to improve the time and take advantage of every possible day to teach and instruct in the way of the Lord.

A glimpse at the roll books of the school for the past year, leads one to appreciate more than ever just how much compulsory education in America means for its youth. Here in this country, children are allowed to do so many things according to their own whims and fancies, and many parents, because of sheer ignorance, do practically nothing to encourage their children to take advantage of opportunities to learn. The boarding department of the school here can accommodate twenty-six girls, but our records show that in this one year forty-five girls have at some time or other been enrolled in this department. Among the day pupils, there has been a similar coming and going. Whereas we usually average about thirty to thirty-five day pupils, some fifty-one children have come as day pupils for a longer or shorter period of time through the year. In all, there have been some ninety-six pupils on record during this past year. In all fairness, it must also be said that the coming and going of pupils is due in some part to reasons other than sheer indifference and lack of understanding of what an education can really mean in life. Also, it should be said that though there has been considerable shifting among a certain percentage of the whole group, still on the other hand there has been a good nucleus that has remained steady and faithful. With these, of course, we note the most progress. During recent months and at present writing, the total number of pupils is an even sixty. This is the largest number of pupils that the writer has ever known to be in attendance at his school, and it is a happy privilege to be able to keep "full house" in these last months before going on furlough.

During the year there was one change in the teaching staff, and the young man who entered into the work has carried his part very well. The need for a woman to help with the sewing classes was mentioned in last year's report. We are happy that such a person recently has been found. During the last two months, she has very acceptably been assisting in this important part of the school program. That she may continue in future months is our deep desire, for she has proved herself very capable and quite able to take the responsibility that the work demands. The matrons have continued the same, and we are grateful for the spirit of faithfulness with which they have carried on their work.

Each year we have mentioned the food problem in connection with the running of the school. We have kept hoping that in time prices would sink

Girls' Boarding School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

to more normal levels. As yet, however, such has not come about and just this month when supplies are being laid in, we are finding prices as exorbitant as ever. Withal, we have faith to believe that even as in times past, the Lord will supply our daily bread.

The problem of securing school texts was also mentioned last year. Some Italian texts have been obtained, and so to some extent this matter has been taken care of. The securing of Amharic texts, however, continues to be a serious concern. Those that have been obtainable in times past have been poorly bound and fail to hold up under the rough handling they receive. Thus far, we have been able to manage, and though concerned, we hope for the best for the future.

As for the unusual in the school life, we may mention a wedding to which we are all looking forward. From time to time in the past years, girls from our school have been married. However, these girls, without exception, have all been married according to Ethiopian customs. Now for the first time we are looking forward to a truly Christian wedding for one of our older girls. She is a second generation evangelical Christian, and is rather an accomplished young lady, for she has been in mission schools ever since she was a little girl. We truly pray that she and her husband-to-be will establish a home that will be of honor to the Lord and an example to others.

The future of the school has been a matter of deep concern to all the Addis Ababa mission staff since the writer's furlough, already delayed one year, is due in April. Because the program has been carried forward day by day with full freedom there has been a challenge to make every possible effort to arrange for the school to continue. Finally, in a recent station meeting, it was decided that Mr. Nystrom should have charge of the school. Since Mr. Nystrom is also pharmacist for the hospital and general interpreter for the mission business, there are many demands made for his time and the superintendency of the school will be no light responsibility for him to add. We rejoice to think of the school's continuance, however, and covet the special prayers of the church that the new leader may be strengthened and that the work may prosper.

Ruth Nichol.

REPORT OF

United Presbyterian Women's Association, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

THE United Presbyterian Woman's Association of North America wishes to thank the Women's General Missionary Society for the privilege of presenting a review of its work on your Convention Program, and to bring greetings and best wishes for your continued success.

Our work is a separate and distinct work from the Women's Board, and we have now completed sixty years of faithful service. Our duty and high privilege is to look after the children in the Orphans' Home at Valencia, the sick and suffering in Columbia Hospital and the aged and infirm in the home for the Aged.

Orphans' Home

The Orphans' Home at this time has a family of sixty children. The children attend the public school, and this year four of them will graduate from the Eighth Grade. Their spiritual education is a matter of first importance. They are trained and instructed for the fuller life, and at the Easter Season four of them united with the Church. A number of these children have reached the age limit of fourteen years, and they will be dismissed from the home. We have had two reunions, which proved to be very popular, for the children who have gone out from the Home are always anxious to come back and visit with their brothers and sisters. Inquiry is being made now as to the next probable time of meeting together of these young folks. Thank Offering Service was held in the Home, and the offering from these grateful hearts amounted to $47.00.

The Auxiliary tries to extend the personal touch to the children, and each member has two or more children as her little sister or brother, whom she especially remembers on all holidays. They also provide moving pictures, puppet shows, and entertainment of various kinds.

The Home is indebted to many organizations throughout the church for gifts of canned goods, linens, stockings, shirts, underwear, and much sewing done.

We also thank the physicians who take such good care of the children, and Columbia Hospital for its service when needed.

Donation Day last September was a very fine social event. In addition to $800.00 in cash, we received many useful and varied gifts.

The great need at the Home right now is a Recreation Room, with sleeping quarters above for the larger boys. We are slowly but steadily gathering funds for this project, but building will not be started until we can see our way clear to finance the same.

Columbia Hospital

It is perhaps an easy matter to give the facts and statistics concerning the Hospital, but we could never record the spirit of an institution such as Columbia. For it is that intangible Spirit of Service which renders Columbia unique among hospitals.

In terms of service the year 1938 was the most impressive in the history of the hospital. It was, however, the most discouraging from an economic viewpoint. The total number of patients admitted during the year was 4,351. Of this number 594 were newborn infants, and 1,276 were children and adults treated free of charge. The cost of the free service rendered was the highest it has ever been. For every day spent in the Ward by a free patient, the cost to the hospital was $5.19, and throughout the year the total cost of free work was in excess of $80,000.00. It has been the privilege of the hospital during the course of the year to have as our guests twenty-two (22) servants of the Church.

In addition to providing therapeutic care to patients, we must also be prepared to meet the demands of modern medical and surgical practice. This necessitates the replacement of worn-out or obsolete equipment from time to time. Much attention has been focused on the Maternity Department, which has been quite busy and at times there is not sufficient room for the patients. In this department alone there was an increase of 65% in the number of admissions. The private rooms in this department are being redecorated. To carry out State regulations an Emergency Lighting System had to be installed, and also a fire escape and extension of the Fire Alarm System for Taylor Hall. Repairs such as painting, new floors, new food carts, trays, etc., are always a necessity.

The Dietary Department which serves 1,000 meals a day to patients and house personnel is an interesting phase of hospital life. To feed our hospital family for one day requires 50 gallons of milk; 30 dozen of eggs; 30 pounds of butter; 10 pounds of coffee; 50 pounds of sugar and 75 loaves of bread; vegetables by the bushel; fruit by the crate; and meat by the wholesale cut.

The cost of the hospital is lightened a little by the gifts and help of many friends. The Children's Ward is supported by the Auxiliary. The young ladies on the Auxiliary Board are ever mindful of the children. They also furnish Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner for the entire house. The Dispensary Committee is a great help to the hospital. This Committee assists in buying drugs, braces, orthopedic equipment, spectacles, etc., for Dispensary patients.

Donation Day which proved to be an unusually popular party brought us a new Anaesthesia machine, new folding chairs, layettes, blankets, preserves, and many other useful articles, together with cash of over $2,500.00. We are thankful to all our friends for their help. May we urge you to take advantage of these Donation Days and come and visit with us. The Board of Managers is carrying a heavy responsibility and by your presence you can show your interest, and give them your hand in encouragement.

HOME FOR THE AGED

How our hearts go out to the folks who have been entrusted to our care. Paul speaks of his friends as "men who have been a comfort to me." They were kind to him, and their kindness comforted him. What the nurses, doctors and attendants do for the old folks never could be written down, but their day is just filled with little ministries of kindness, gentleness and thoughtfulness. There is a real homey atmosphere about our family of eighty-four. Often times sadness creeps in though, as one by one these old folks leave us. Our rooms are always filled, however, and we wish we might admit more promptly those on the waiting list who need a real home.

The Auxiliary also is untiring in its efforts to entertain and cheer the family. Once or twice a year they are taken for an automobile trip, and they thoroughly enjoy this treat. A moving picture projector was presented to the Home by Butler Presbyterial, and no one enjoys the movies any more than our family.

The State required that we install an Emergency Lighting and Fire Alarm System, which has been done. A fire alarm drill was tried out and in four and one-half minutes the house was empty, and we have a number who seldom leave their rooms.

Donation Day here was another happy event. It is usually planned to be held in February, and this year we received over $1,500.00 in addition to linens, quilts, clothing, fruits, canned goods, etc., and we extend our thanks to all who have helped in any way. The family is always anxious to see their friends on this annual visiting day, and we all have a joyous time together.

As you have been listening to this report, perhaps you have been asking how the finances are gathered together to help in carrying on this work. It costs about $27,000.00 a month to run these institutions—$325,000.00 a year. Donation Days always bring cash donations. From Sabbath Schools and Churches last year we received about $1,060.00. The Annual Membership last year brought $2,242.00. There are about 90,000 women in the United Presbyterian Church. Does this $2,242.00 adequately express the thanks of the 90,000 women for the honor and privilege which is ours. If we could all be interested to the extent of $1.00 each what a help it would be to the work, and the returns to ourselves would be much more. Stanley Jones says "It is not what I did for India, but what India did for me." Paying this $1.00 will enroll you for one year as a member of the Association, and will give you the privilege of voting at the annual meeting in October.

We have one big party a year and that is the Lawn Fete which will be held Friday, June 30th on the grounds at the Home for the Aged. You will be sure to see many of your old friends, for all "good United Presbyterians" will be found at the Lawn Fete. Come and help make it a success.

Let us be thankful to the Giver of all good gifts that we are accounted worthy to carry on this great work of moulding and building the character of His children, of alleviating pain and suffering, and bringing comfort and cheer to those who have spent their lives as His followers.

Two of the most beautiful lines in the English Literature are:

> "Love took up the harp of life, and smote on all the chords with might;
> Smote the chord of self; that trembling passed in music out of sight"

Forgetting ourselves in service for others. That is how we live. That is life. Submerging ourselves and our desires in service for our fellowmen. The Master said "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be servant of all." The Master was King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and he came to earth to be Servant of Mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James Toddie.

REPORT OF

Women's Association of the West, Los Angeles, California

FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1939

THE time has come in our church year when all organizations are expected to make an accounting of the trust committed to them. The United Presbyterian Women's Association of the West very gladly makes this accounting to you, the Women's General Missionary Society, and thanks you for the opportunity and privilege of thus presenting to the women of the church something of what has been accomplished since the first unit of our Home became a reality.

The first duty, of course, was to assemble our Family, and we are happy to tell you we have a fine group of elderly ladies who are enjoying the splendid fellowship and the pleasant physical surroundings of our beautiful Home. Birthdays, holidays and other special occasions are remembered. Groups from our churches bring entertainment, and every effort is made to make our guests happy and contented.

We have had a changing family but as some have gone, others have come to take their places. One of our number answered the Master's call; one needed hospital care; and one left us to enter a Home where life care could be guaranteed, for, until our endowment is sufficient to meet the requirements of the State of California regarding Aged People's Homes, we are not permitted to assume any financial obligation for care of our guests, so can only operate as a Boarding Home.

We have been faced with unfamiliar problems, and are still in the "Beginner's Class," but since "new occasions teach new duties," we have learned much by experience.

We are working on plans for bungalows or cottages, preparing for those who desire to build their homes on our grounds and occupy them during their lifetime. Also we are looking forward to building a second unit.

Realizing the very urgent need of a car for the Home, the men of our churches with the consent of Los Angeles Presbytery, have formed a Committee with Rev. Alvin Campbell as chairman, for the purpose of gathering money to purchase a car. This is a very fine and much appreciated gesture. Much credit is due to Rev. J. G. Thompson through whom the plan was set in motion.

Two occasions the past year brought together friends from our Southern California Churches; our Annual Donation Day in September, and a Hospitality Tea in January, when members of the Board of Directors were Hostesses and interested guests came bringing gifts and money and enjoyed social hours in the Home they had helped us to establish.

The Association and its Board of Directors appreciate very much the interest that is being manifested in our work by churches and missionary groups outside of our own Los Angeles Presbyterial. It will be the generosity of Christians in an ever widening circle that will make it possible for us to advance.

We urge you to keep our Association on your prayer lists and give us the encouragement of your interest in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. K. Bishop,

Corresponding Secretary.

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August

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Dr. Reba C. Hunsberger	August 1
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Miss Ella Barnes	August 2
Miss Evelyn McFarland	August 4
Miss Lucia Dwight	August 5
Miss Margaret Work	August 6
Miss Eulalia D. Grether	August 8
Miss Vivian L. Trimble	August 12
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Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N.	August 28
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Miss Helen M. Walker	August 29
Miss Nellie C. Smith	August 31

September

Miss Ruth M. Nichol	September 1
Miss Frances Patton	September 3
Miss Emma Dean Anderson	September 5
Miss Theresa Brownlee	September 5
Miss Ruth A. Work	September 5
Miss Davida Finney	September 8
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—*The Board meets in Executive Sessions first and third Tuesdays of every month except August.

SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS
OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PRESIDENTS

Place of Meeting	Name	Presbytery
1883, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. Nancy Hyslop Collins	Philadelphia
1884, Sparta, Ill.	Miss Eliza B. Wallace	Tennessee
1885, Xenia, Ohio	Mrs. H. C. Campbell	Allegheny
1886, Allegheny, Pa.	Miss Jennie C. Logue	Monmouth
1887, Monmouth, Ill.	Mrs. Wm. H. McMillen	Allegheny
1888, Washington, Pa.	Miss Mary J. Clokey	Xenia
1889, Argyle, N. Y.	Mrs. T. E. Carson	Philadelphia
1890, Washington, Iowa	Mrs. J. B. McMichael	Monmouth
1891, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mrs. J. P. Cowan	Indiana
1892, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. J. T. McCrory	Monongahela
1893, Omaha, Nebr.	Mrs. W. H. Vincent	Detroit
1894, Princeton, Ind.	Mrs. J. A. Henderson	Omaha
1895, Jersey City, N. J.	Mrs. W. W. Barr	Philadelphia
1896, Erie, Pa.	Mrs. Jean S. Sands	Monongahela
1897, Indianola, Iowa	Mrs. J. G. Kennedy	Colorado
1898, Cleveland, Ohio	Mrs. J. C. Meek	Indiana
1899, New Castle, Pa.	Mrs. Victor Kyle	Monmouth
1900, Pawnee City, Nebr.	Mrs. R. M. Russell	Monongahela
	(Mrs. J. T. McCrory presided)	
1901, Monmouth, Ill.	Mrs. J. T. Logue	Cleveland
1902, Xenia, Ohio	Mrs. H. T. Jackson	Monmouth
1903, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. George M. Moore	Xenia
1904, Bloomington, Ind.	Mrs. Charles W. Crowe	Philadelphia
1905, Albany, Oregon	Mrs. A. N. Porter	Rock Island
1906, Des Moines, Iowa	Mrs. W. P. White	Oregon
1907, Topeka, Kansas	Mrs. W. R. Baldridge	Des Moines
1908, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mrs. J. P. White	Kansas City
1909, Buffalo, N. Y.	Mrs. J. L. Hervey	New York
1910, St. Louis, Mo.	Mrs. J. W. Ashwood	Muskingum
1911, Greeley, Colo.	Mrs. R. Rutledge	Illinois Southern
1912, Chicago, Ill.	Miss Anna Milligan	Monongahela
1913, Washington, Pa.	Mrs. R. W. McGranahan	Tennessee
1914, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. J. V. Clark	Chartiers
1915, Spokane, Wash.	Mrs. I. C. Rankin	Colorado
1916, Xenia, Ohio	Miss Lillian M. Robertson	Spokane
1917, Sterling, Kans.	Mrs. R. A. Elliott	Muskingum
1918, Allegheny, Pa.	Mrs. E. C. Wellman	Arkansas Valley
1919, Cambridge, Ohio	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Allegheny
1920, Youngstown, Ohio	Mrs. James S. Hill	First Ohio
1921, Fort Morgan, Colo.	Mrs. J. A. McDonald	Cleveland
1922, New Castle, Pa.	Miss Ruth A. Work	Assiut, Egypt
1923, Los Angeles, California	Mrs. A. J. Randles	Beaver Valley
1924, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mrs. W. E. McCullough	Los Angeles
1925, Boston, Mass.	Mrs. Wm. J. Gilmore	Monongahela
1926, Monmouth, Ill.	Mrs. E. Paul Jones	Des Moines
1927, Pittsburg, Kans.	Miss Lulu Buchanan	Monmouth
1928, Buffalo, N. Y.	Mrs. R. Francis Hall	Des Moines
1929, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. W. M. Hopping	Caledonia
1930, Greensburg, Pa.	Mrs. George Patterson	Philadelphia
1931, Everett, Wash.	Mrs. Fred W. Morgan	Westmoreland
1932, Columbus, Ohio	Mrs. E. M. Walrath	Puget Sound
1933, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mrs. E. D. McKune	Mansfield
1934, Steubenville, Ohio	Mrs. Chas. W. Fulton	Allegheny
1935, Grove City, Pa.	Mrs. E. E. Erskine	Steubenville
1936, St. Louis, Mo.	Mrs. A. J. Calderwood	Butler
1937, Indiana, Pa.	Mrs. J. M. Lashly	Southern Illinois
1938, New Wilmington, Pa.	Mrs. W. R. Irvine	Arkansas Valley
1939, Grinnell, Iowa	Mrs. Wm. McElwee, Jr.	Mercer

SECRETARIES

1883, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, Allegheny
1884, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Colorado
1885, Miss Mary J. Clokey, Xenia
1886, Mrs. Jas. A. Watt, Westmoreland
1887, Mrs. E. S. Gordon, Indiana
1888, Miss Sallie McDowell, Xenia
1889, Mrs. R. T. Elliott, Philadelphia
1890-1906 Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongahela
1906-1917, Mrs. J. T. Logue, Cleveland
1917- Miss Lillian M. Robertson, 160 Wadsworth Ave., New York, N. Y.

TREASURERS

1883, Miss Linn Pressley, Allegheny
1884, Miss Maggie Wylie, Monmouth
1885, Mrs. S. G. Crabbe, Xenia
1887, Miss Elizabeth J. Sloan, Monongahela
1905, Miss J. B. Hill, Monongahela

TREASURERS

1886-1904	Miss E. J. Sloan
1904-	Mrs. J. B. Hill

RECORDING SECRETARIES

1886-1891	Miss M. M. Shaw (Mrs. J. C. Doty)
1891-1899	Mrs. Mary W. Porter
1899-1900	Mrs. M. J. Stevenson
1900-1902	Mrs. R. S. Smith
1902-1902	Mrs. J. B. Hill
1902-1907	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1907-1910	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1910-1912	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1912-1916	Mrs. J. S. Crawford
1916-1920	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1919-1919	Mrs. W. R. Wilson
1920-1939	Miss Jennie B. Wallace
1939-	Mrs. Joseph S. Mason

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Foreign

1886-1904	Mrs. W. J. Reid
1904-1908	Mrs. E. M. Hill
1908-1909	Mrs. J. A. Wilson
1909-1932	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1932-	Mrs. J. D. Sands

Home

1886-1909	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1909-1909	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1910-	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook

NEGRO

1886-1901	Dr. C. Jane Vincent
1901-1902	Mrs. W. R. Wilson
1902-1904	Mrs. J. B. Hill
1904-1907	Mrs. R. A. Elliott
1907-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1917-	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson

Parsonage

1892-1893	Mrs. Jennie H. Gillespie
1893-1894	Mrs. Thos. Stewart
1894-1898	Mrs. M. M. Patterson
1898-1912	Mrs. George W. McDonald
1912-1920	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1920-1926	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1926-	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering

Thank Offering

1893-1920	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1920-	Mrs. O. H. Milligan

Junior

1893-1894	Mrs. T. J. Gillespie
1894-1912	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1912-1923	Mrs. I. H. Milliken
1924-	Mrs. W. R. McMunn

Literature

1894-1894	Mrs. Annie R. Herron
1894-1897	Mrs. E. J. McPherson
1897-1899	Mrs. Jas. A. Grier
1899-1901	Miss Emma Mabon
1901-1906	Miss Elizabeth Caughey
1906-1910	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1910-1912	Miss Susan E. McNall
1912-1913	Mrs. J. W. Harsha
1913-1914	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1914-1932	Miss Elizabeth Milligan
1933-	Mrs. A. J. Randles

Railroad

1896-1907	Miss E. D. Brown
1907-1908	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1908-1909	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1909-1912	Miss Susan McNall
1912-1914	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1914-1915	Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble
1915-1918	Mrs. J. Howard Maxwell
1918-1919	Mrs. M. R. Wilson
1919-1920	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1920-1926	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1926-1926	Mrs. Harriet Boobyer
1926-	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering

Statistical and Efficiency

1897-1898	Mrs. M. J. Stewart
1898-1899	Mrs. M. J. Stevenson
1899-1908	Mrs. M. W. Porter
1908-1910	Mrs. Caroline Porter Hill
1910-1911	Mrs. J. A. Alexander
1911-1915	Miss Jennie H. Clark
1915-1916	Mrs. Maurice Trimble
1917-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1931	Mrs. R. E. English
1931-1932	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
1932-1933	Mrs. A. J. Randles
1933-	Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch

Young Women

1903-1904	Mrs. T. D. Mellon
1904-1908	Mrs. Nancy L. Wallace
1908-1911	Mrs. J. A. Alexander
1912-	Miss Ida B. Little

Temperance

1909-1918	Mrs. R. C. Morton
1918-1920	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1920-1926	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1926-	Mrs. Harriet Boobyer

Indian

1912-1916	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1916-1926	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1926-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1926	Miss Jennie B. Wallace
1926-1931	Mrs. J. French Kerr
1931-	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride

Benevolence

1913-	Mrs. J. B. Hill

Financial

1914-1917	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1917-1919	Miss Ida B. Little
1919-1920	Mrs. O. H. Milligan
1920-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1926	Mrs. J. B. Hill
1926-1932	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1932-	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride

Investment Committee

Mrs. J. D. Sands
Mrs. J. B. Hill
Mrs. A. J. Randles
Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer

Testamentary and Annuity

1908-1932	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1932-	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer

Prayer Group

1932-1934	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1934-	Mrs. Charles W. Fulton

MEMBERS OF BOARD SINCE ORGANIZATION

*1886-1897	Mrs. E. J. McPherson
*1886-1893	Miss M. M. Shaw (Mrs. J. C. Doty)
*1886-1901	Dr. C. Jane Vincent
*1886-1904	Mrs. W. J. Reid
*1886-1905	Miss E. J. Sloan
*1886-1932	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
*1886-1887	Mrs. Wm. Edie
*1886-1909	Mrs. J. B. Herron
*1886-1887	Mrs. E. W. Hill
*1886-1889	Mrs. Joseph McCartney
*1886-1887	Mrs. J. D. Irons
*1886-1913	Miss E. D. Brown
*1886-1892	Mrs. Mary Samson
*1886-1908	Mrs. Mary W. Porter
*1886-1892	Mrs. Agnes K. Duff
*1888 1891	Mrs. J. R. Johnston
*1887-1890	Mrs. A. P. Burchfield
*1888-1890	Mrs. Thomas Stewart
*1888-1892	Mrs. J. M. Wallace
*1891-1897	Mrs. W. H. McMillan
*1891-1894	Mrs. Thomas J. Gillespie
*1891-1920	Mrs. Mary C. Porter
*1892-1893	Mrs. John S. Hastings
*1892-1900	Mrs. J. A. Grier
*1893-1912	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
*1893-1898	Mrs. M. M. Patterson
*1894-1895	Mrs. J. M. Stewart
*1893-1895	Mrs. N. H. I. Stewart
*1894-1900	Mrs. M. J. Stevenson
*1895-1911	Mrs. G. W. MacDonald
*1898-1898	Miss Bessie Lambie
*1897-1897	Mrs. Joseph Kyle
*1897-1900	Miss Emma Mabon
*1898-1908	Mrs. E. M. Hill
*1899-1901	Mrs. Jean Sands
*1900-1904	Mrs. R. S. Smith
*1900-1906	Miss Elizabeth Caughey
*1900-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
*1900-1900	Mrs. Mary Lowry Morton
1901-1902	Mrs. W. R. Wilson
1901-	Mrs. J. B. Hill
1902-1903	Mrs. T. D. Mellon
*1904-1907	Mrs. N. L. Wallace
1905-1907	Mrs. R. A. Elliott
1905-1906	Mrs. Wm. Nease
1908-1909	Mrs. J. S. Hill
*1907-1911	Mrs. Jas. A. Alexander
1907-	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1906-1911	Mrs. John A. Crawford
*1905-1912	Mrs. John A. Wilson
1909-1912	Miss Susan McNall
1908-1918	Mrs. R. C. Morton
1909-	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1910-	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
*1911-1915	Miss Jennie Clark
*1912-1926	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1912-	Miss Ida B. Little
1912-1923	Mrs. I. H. Milliken
*1912-1913	Mrs. J. W. Harsha
*1913-1923	Miss Carrie M. Reed
*1914-1932	Miss Elizabeth Milligan
1914-1917	Mrs. Maurice Trimble
*1916-1926	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
*1917-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1918-1919	Mrs. W. R. Wilson
1919-	Mrs. O. H. Milligan
1920-	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1920-	Miss Jennie B. Wallace
1923-	Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen
1924-	Mrs. W. R. McMunn
1926-	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1926-1931	Mrs. R. E. English
1927-1931	Mrs. J. French Kerr
1930-	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
1932-	Mrs. A. J. Randles
1932-	Mrs. E. B. Murdoch
1933-	Mrs. Chas. W. Fulton
1939-	Mrs. Joseph S. Mason

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*Deceased.

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1909-1913	Miss E. D. Brown
1913-1915	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1915-1915	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1915-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1917-	Mrs. D. J. Sands

VICE PRESIDENTS

	First	Second
1886-1888	Mrs. J. B. Herron	Mrs. J. D. Irons
1888-1890	Mrs. J. B. Herron	Miss E. D. Brown
1890-1891	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. J. B. Herron
1891-1893	Mrs. Eliza J. McPherson	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1893-1894	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter	Mrs. W. H. McMillan
1894-1895	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1895-1896	Mrs. W. H. McMillan	Miss E. D. Brown
1896-1897	Mrs. M. J. Stevenson	Mrs. G. W. McDonald
1897-1898	Mrs. G. W. McDonald	Mrs. J. A. Grier
1898-1899	Mrs. G. W. McDonald	Mrs. M. M. Patterson
1899-1901	Mrs. E. M. Hill	Mrs. J. A. Grier
1901-1902	Mrs. E. M. Hill	Miss E. D. Brown
1902-1903	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1903-1904	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. T. D. Mellon
1904-1906	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1906-1909	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. John A. Wilson
1909-1910	Mrs. N. W. Stevenson	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1910-1912	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1912-1913	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1913-1915	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Miss Jennie H. Clark
1916-1916	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1916-1917	Mrs. J. D. Sands	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1917-1919	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook	Miss Carrie M. Reed
1919-1920	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Miss Carrie M. Reed
1920-1923	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1923-1924	Mrs. D. J. Brown	Miss Elizabeth Milligan
1924-1925	Miss Ida B. Little	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1925-1926	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1926-1927	Mrs. W. R. McMunn	Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen
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1928-1929	Mrs. R. E. English	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1929-1930	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1930-1931	Miss Ida B. Little	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1931-1932	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer	Mrs. W. R. McMunn
1932-1933	Mrs. W. R. McMunn	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1933-1934	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride	Mrs. A. J. Randles
1934-1935	Mrs. Charles W. Fulton	Mrs. Edgar M. Murdoch
1935-1936	Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1936-1937	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1937-1938	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. Charles W. Fulton
1938-1939	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. W. R. McMunn

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o Amercian Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Helen Artman, 1920........Sialkot City
Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1920........Lyallpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912........Abbottabad
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921........Sialkot City
Miss Adah P. Boggs, R.N., 1938........Pathankot
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918........Sialkot City
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937........Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922........Sialkot City
Miss Lois Buchanan, 1910........Pathankot
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926........Pasrur
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1918........Zafarwal
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913........Sargodha
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930........Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938........Pathankot
Miss Janette Howland, 1921........Campbellpur
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921........Sialkot City
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903........Sangla Hill
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904........Pasrur
Miss Olive Laing, 1912........Rawalpindi
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928........Pathankot
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920........Sargodha
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938........Pathankot
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931........Jhelum
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902........Jhelum
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936........Gujranwala
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938........Sialkot City
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930........Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921........Pathankot
Miss Grace N. Ranson, 1936........Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916........Gujranwala
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1932........Jhelum
Miss Kate E. Spencer, 1918........Sargodha
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921........Pathankot
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936........Sargodha
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1922........Zafarwal
Miss Georgia Wengert, 1920........Gurdaspur
Miss Dora B. Whitely, 1911........Pasrur

HONORARY MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884........
........312 Ethan Allen Ave., Takoma, Md.

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Ruth Ardrey, 1921........
........826 S. Ogden St., Denver, Colo.
Miss Hazel Bennett ....
........1683 Potomac Ave., S. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931........
........1072 Liberty St., Meadville, Pa.
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925........Marissa, Ill.
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1938........
........Bisbee, N. D.
Miss Evva P. Hartig........Frostburg, Md.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896........Eldora, Iowa
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N.........Olds, Iowa
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924........
........Cambridge, N. Y.
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924........
........100 Crosley Ave., Kenmore, N. Y.

RETIRED

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881........
........231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897........
........719 West 24th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893........Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Mary Lawrence, 1893, c/o Mrs. R. E. Ayers,
........New Concord, Ohio
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891........Rushville, Ind.
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879........Greenwood, Mo.
Miss Henrietta A. Moore, 1898........
........138 Steel St., Cambridge Springs, Pa.

EGYPT

Miss Hazel E. Anderson, 1937........Cairo
Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901........Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934........Assiut
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918........Benha
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905........Assiut
Miss Mary F. Dawson, 1922........Cairo
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919........Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, 1915........Assiut
Miss Elsie French, 1909........Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1922........Cairo
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929........Tanta
Miss A. Constance Harper, 1937........Cairo
*Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899........Assiut
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926........Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921........Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915........Cairo
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901........Minia
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918........Assiut
Miss Ruth McCleery, 1931........Luxor
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916........Minia
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919........Cairo
Miss E. McKibben, R.N., 1924........Tanta
Miss Mabel McMichael, 1937........Cairo
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923........Cairo
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921........Luxor
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902........Tanta
Miss Frances Patton, 1922........Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922........Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938........Cairo
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920........Alexandria
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911........Cairo
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917........Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930........Assiut
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904........Mansura
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919........Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913........Luxor
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919........Luxor
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904........Assiut
Miss Laura Wright, 1921........Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Ella M. Barnes........
........926 E. 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909........
........904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926........
........533 W. 9th St., Albany, Ore.
*Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894........
........121 N. 7th St., Sterling, Kan.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925........
........1406 Waldron Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924........Claysville, Pa.
Miss Alfretta M. Hammond, 1904........
........State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lillian McClelland, 1923........
........912 N. Hoff St., Tuscon, Ariz.
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906........Aledo, Ill.
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924........
........923—6th St., North, Nampa, Idaho
Mrs. Rachel Tracy Seiver, 1925........
........2961 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922........
........904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Marie F. Tait........R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Elizabeth Wilson, 1932........Atlantic, Iowa
Miss Elizabeth S. White, 1924........
........2411 Osgood St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924........
........31 West 3rd St., Greensburg, Pa.
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924........Fort Morgan, Colo.

THE SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919........Khartum North
Miss Una Coie, 1918........Khartum North
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912........Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924........Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926........Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911........Wad Medani
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930........Omdurman
Miss Ellen P. Smith, 1938........Omdurman
Miss C. Blanche Soule........Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N.........Khartum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Isabel Blair, 1922........
........McElree Rd., Washington, Pa.
Miss Mary J. McKnight........
........904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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President: Mrs. Leila Harkcom, 1452 West 91st St., Los Angeles, Calif.
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Secretary: Mrs. J. P. Tracy, 7961 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. E. K. Bishof, 326 N. Comstock Ave., Whittier, Calif.
Treasurer: Miss Lena Jenson, 747½ North Hayworth Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

ETHIOPIA

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 .... Addis Ababa
Mr. Sigurd Nystrom, 1937 .... Addis Ababa
Dr. Harriet Skemp Nystrom, 1937 .... Addis Ababa

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1938 .... 5006 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Ruth Nichol, 1938 .... 468 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Home Missionaries Supported by the Women's General Missionary Society

INDIAN MISSIONS

Rev. Fred C. Patterson .... Tama, Iowa
Rev. E. W. Machamer .... Warm Springs, Ore.
Rev. Ernest H. Carson .... Simnasho, Ore.
Mr. Edward J. Sam .... Rt. 3, Box 403, Yakima, Toppenish, Wash.

HOME MISSIONS

*Mrs. J. C. Alter 3154 College Ave., Berkeley, Calif.
Mrs. Mary Ciancio .... 7909 Tioga St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Elizabeth Clark .... Box 207, Hickory, Pa.
Miss Ruth Elta Findlay, 520 South St., Glendale, Cal.
Miss Mary Geyer .... 438 West 44th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss Mary Jamieson .... 5529 Lawton, Oakland, Calif.
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VIII. *Frances E. Willard* — We recommend that this Convention recognize the years of faithful service given by Miss Frances E. Willard—and express appreciation of her work in this centennial anniversary.

IX. *Theme of Convention* — We recommend that the theme of this Convention might become the theme of each Presbyterial during the coming year, that the faith of each member might be strengthened and that we might have the victory through:

1. Increased love for our Master.
2. Greater passion for souls.
3. Keener sense of sin around us.
4. Personal observance of the Tuesday morning prayer period.

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

THE COMMITTEE,
Mrs. Owen Davis,
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Miss Ethyl M. Schmucker,
Mrs. F. L. Chase,
Mrs. Ruth McElroy.

This report was adopted.

The newly elected officers were presented to the Convention. The missionaries from India were also introduced.

Misses Glendine Lundquist and Margaret Murdoch told the convention some of the methods employed in their work in India. Miss Lundquist said that India lacks compassion. The Mohammedan would not think of turning aside to aid a wounded man by the road except that he hoped thereby to earn merit for the next world. Suffering calls out no pity from his kind. The missionary strives to teach the compassion that Jesus showed to these people. The best method of reaching India with the Gospel in any immediate time is to follow the rule "Each one reach one."

Miss Margaret Murdoch followed the previous speaker by describing ways in which the missionaries go into the villages and enter the homes where they can meet the women. They must go in twos. Having entered a home, they must ascertain whether the women are Hindus or Mohammedans, and then use the language and approach that would be the wisest. The Message is given in story and song.

Groups change with the time of day, women and children arriving in succession from morning till night.

The Junior work in India is most promising. Young children pray without hesitation.

The Poweshiek County Rural Women's Chorus rendered three well-selected numbers to the delight of the delegates. The audience gave a rising vote of thanks for this fine contribution to the program.

The following missionaries gave personal testimony to victories through faith that were either the result of experience or observation in their various fields. These led to the certain conclusion that any phase of human interest, physical or spirtual, may be effected by faith and prayer. The speakers were the following:

Miss Evva Hartig,
India,
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Egypt,
Mr. S. W. Joe,
India,
Mrs. Betty Taylor Groves,
Negro,
Miss Margaret Beveridge,
Frenchburg,
Miss Martha Hazlett,
Ezel.

Mrs. John P. White announced that 941 subscriptions, renewals and new, had been received in the annual magazine shower.

Miss Helen White, secretary of Migrant Work in this area, gave a graphic description of the migrant situation in the United States. She says that the fruit gatherer is in every state in the union, moving from one section to another as the work is needed. In California alone, there are 650,000 migrants and the conditions are distressing. These traveling workers are too often without decent, comfortable clothes, food, often sick, and live in fearful discomfort. There are so many of them that the situation approaches a menace. While the state is in a greater or less degree responsible for these serious physical conditions, the church has the responsibility of caring for their spiritual welfare. In many places the church workers have succeeded in gaining access to the migrant camps by taking food and clothing before planning Gospel stories and songs.

In the western section of the U. S., there are nurses who go from camp to camp with help for the ailing ones. At the present time, teams consisting of ministers and nurses go from group to group and carry healing of body and soul to these people.

There are three million migrants in the United States and but a small fraction of them are being reached.

Mrs. R. B. Arneal conducted a special prayer service. She said: "To cease from prayer is to die. We are dependent upon God for all we are or hope to accomplish. Prayer is vital." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Harry Hirsh, Mrs. Earl G. Sparks, Mrs. Steve Cereghino, and Miss Betty Bong. Each one prayed with special reference to some promise or need.

TUESDAY EVENING
JUNE 27, 1939

The organ prelude was followed by a splendid anthem by the Newton choir and prayer by Lillian M. Robertson.

Miss Ruth Ardrey told the audience about the wedding customs in India and described a wedding in which she had a part in attiring the bride. She played on the *sittar* a wedding song such as the bride would sing on her wedding day. It expressed a farewell to her mother, her anxiety concerning her unknown bridegroom, and her fears concerning her new home with her mother-in-law.

The address of the hour was delivered by Mr. E. Raymond Wilson, member of the American Friends Service Committee, and director of the International Relations Institute, just adjourned.

He challenged the delegates with regard to the activities of our organization concerning the subject of international relations. He did not gloss over the fact that the church has not begun to take its place as it should with regard to international welfare. On the contrary, too often hate is fostered, instead of brotherly kindness. We need wiser statesmanship that will not meet battleship with battleship, gun with gun. We must replace force with justice. Too often statesmen are compelled to a course that is repugnant to them by the sentiment of the people and they are powerless to do the thing that should be done. The Christian church must come to the front in this. The Church is on trial in these times. There must be capacity for sacrifice. If the church fails to take its place in the matter of world peace, it will die. No peace is brought about by war. The seeds are merely sown for another war.

Mr. Wilson believes that the present time is one that demands plain speaking and to this end he arraigns the Christian church for its failure to act, and urges an aggressive movement on the part of church membership to rectify the blunders that are being made.

A ladies trio—Mrs. F. E. McClean, Miss Jean McClean, and Miss Helen

McClean—sang "The Lord's Prayer." The petition "Thy kingdom come," fitted most appropriately the stirring address on international relations.

Mrs. O. H. Milligan had charge of the annual Consecration Service. The time was given wholly to prayer interspersed with prayer numbers by the Newton choir.

> "Search me, O God, my heart discern;
> Try me, my inmost thoughts to learn;
> And lead me, if in sin I stray,
> To choose the everlasting way."
> —Psalm 130.

Mrs. Milligan compared this closing hour of the Convention with the scene on the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus and his three disciples met with Moses. The disciples wanted to remain in the mountain, but they had to return to the work awaiting them in the valley. So we women have given these days to the study of the things of the kingdom, but now we must return to our own work. She gave us these three words "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ;" "I am ready to be offered;" I am a debtor." We are to remember that Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always."

With bowed heads the delegates consecrated themselves anew to the service of the Master.

The delegates sang the Convention song:

> "Give thou thy help against the foe
> For help of man is vain.
> Through God we shall do valiantly,
> The victory He shall gain."
> —Psalm 66.

Reverend W. J. Stewart offered prayer, and pronounced the benediction.

The choir sang softly "God be With You Till We Meet Again" and the gavel fell on the fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society.

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STUDY FOR SEPTEMBER

Spiritual Renewing

The Need of Spiritual Renewing

By MISS JENNIE B. WALLACE, Sewickley, Pa.

THE first topic assigned for this month's study brings to mind an afternoon years ago when at a New Wilmington post-conference the same need was the subject of earnest, informal talk with reference to both the home and the foreign fields. A veteran missionary on furlough from India told of a group who once pledged themselves to pray unceasingly for a revival—*until it should come.* It came, a wonderful time of refreshing, as he termed it—not in a few months, not in a year, but after twenty-five years.

All of those who were present must remember the solemn hush in that room as after a few quiet words the leader (was it not Dr. W. B. Anderson?) suggested that every head be bowed and that all who felt moved to do so promise God and themselves to follow that example, relying upon the Holy Spirit to help their infirmities. What silent pledges were made or how long and faithfully they were kept, no one can say; nor how many congregations have had a resultant blessing; the Church as a whole, alas! has not yet received the "refreshing" then and so often since, prayed for.

The Church is often referred to as "the Vineyard;" naturally enough, for the prophets repeatedly used the expression. "The field," too, is familiar.

Nothing is more distressing to a farmer than to see soil dried out by the hot winds of summer; drooping plants seeming to beg for reviving rain; half-formed fruit falling to the ground. He who met His first disappointment in the Garden He had planted and had left to care-takers; Who made a fresh start with Noah and again with Abraham; Who with infinite patience and infinite love sent his servants the prophets and at last His Son in a supreme effort—how must He mourn when, looking for grapes—the rich clusters of "the fruit of the Spirit"—He finds but "wild grapes," the poor, sour fruit of undernourished, uncared-for vines!

That the Lord's vineyard needs refreshing, that the Church—the whole world—is in urgent need of spiritual renewing is widely realized. In the splendid sermon with which as he retired from the moderatorship Dr. Atkinson opened the meeting of the General Assembly, he quoted from the *Wall Street Journal* this paragraph, striking as found in a purely business publication: "What America needs more than railway extension, western irrigation, . . . is a revival of religion. The kind that father and mother used to have. A religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning right in the middle of wheat harvest. A religion that prompted them to quit work a half hour earlier so that the whole family could get ready for prayermeeting." "In that brief paragraph," said Dr. Atkinson, "is expressed what all who have caught the spirit of Paul's message feel to be the deepest need of this restless, war-torn, troubled age—'Jesus Christ and him crucified.' "

Family worship? "an old fashion," say some. Yes, but old fashions in clothes, in furniture are very popular just now; why not this good "old fashion," too, necessarily often somewhat altered in form, but still "family worship?" What are those children not missing who in future years will not have the memory of father's or mother's voice uttering the words of Holy Scripture or of prayer!

"Asking the Blessing," is omitted, they say, in not a few Christian homes, heathenish though it seems to partake of the food provided without a grateful thought of Him from Whom comes life itself and all that sustains it.

And what of the Bible? Ask any Bible School teacher and you will learn how many pupils by their ignorance betray the lack of home teaching from the Book of books. At an early age they can discuss the "funnies" of the daily newspaper and their screen favorites; but they are quite hazy on whether or not Paul was one of the Old Testament prophets. Tests of high school and college students bring answers which if they were not so distressing would be laughable. In short, cannot the arid condition of the Church, so far as it exists, be seen as largely the result of the religious barrenness of the home?

The falling off in church attendance noted in so many quarters surely indicates need of "spiritual renewing." Say what they may about "getting better sermons on the radio," worshiping in "God's first temples," seeing His handiwork in Nature—as they whiz by in an automobile—the fact remains that those who neglect God's house lose interest in the life of the Church and eventually, unless they are brought to see their danger, drift off into utter worldliness. Christ Himself "went into the synagogue as He was wont." Can we do better than to worship regularly in the Church He instituted, the successor of the synagogue? Are we doing well to minimize the value even of the prayer-meeting? A recent editorial classes it with the "upper room" as the "Power Room" of the Church and there is no denying that wherever you see a well attended, enthusiastic mid-week meeting, there you will find an active, spiritually-minded congregation.

We have considered a few causes of the spiritual need which we deplore; many others suggest themselves to the interested mind: too deep engrossment in business and the worry which is so prone to beset one in these troublous times; books and magazine articles—so many of them!—which take for granted that religion is out of date, just ignore it, or slyly criticize it; radio utterances with the same tendency; moving pictures of low standard—a thousand influences which, like a big ant nest in my garden, unfit the soil for productiveness.

Let us strive to see "Jesus Christ and him crucified" and like Paul be inspired to love and serve Him. Let us open our hearts to the softening touch of the Holy Spirit: then "the Lord shall satisfy thy soul in drought, and thou shalt be like a watered garden."

"THE MISSIONARY ALBUM"

We printed several hundred extra copies of the June issue of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* containing the pictures of our missionaries. Already there is a demand for them.

While the supply lasts these may be had for 15 cents a copy.

The Fruit of of Spiritual Renewing

By PEARL ALEXANDER CARSON, San Francisco, California

JESUS taught us so simply the truths he would have us remember. When He wanted us to know that our Christian religion is a living, vital force, He gave us the story of "the vine and the branches." The branches are the medium through which the life of our redeeming Christ flows out into action and fruitage. And the fruit grows on the branches — not on the vine. Yet branches can bear fruit only as they receive their source of life from the vine. "Apart from me, ye can do nothing."

What fruit results when we draw on our Spiritual power? What fruit does God want? First of all, the fruit of the branch is personal; in character, in spirit and in our attitude toward our fellowmen. To the degree in which the world can see the spirit of the Master in us, are we bringing Christ to the world about us.

In Galatians the first chapter, the twenty-second and twenty-third verses, we are told "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance." This fruit is the creation of the Holy Spirit, wrought in us by divine energy and power.

Yet this fruit must be a genuine product of human life. Solomon in all his glory did not compare with the lily of the field. The reason is, that the beauty of the lily came from within, while the glory of Solomon was in the adornment which came to him from without. Only the power of Christ flowing through our lives, will result in fruit-bearing.

There is a beautiful sequence in the order in which these fruits are named. In the realm of the spirit, we begin with the richest and best of the fruits, love. If it be fully developed and ripened in our lives, the last named, self-control, or temperance follows naturally.

Let us divide the nine "fruits" mentioned into three groups, of three fruits each.

The first triad, love, joy, peace, are simply the result of communion with God, and manifestation of the sustenance which is being poured into the branch from the vine. "And the greatest of these is love." Into the heart filled with love to God comes joy, as Jesus promised, "—that your joy may be full." True peace comes, not from absence of trouble, but from the knowledge of the presence of God. "Peace that passeth understanding." Peace and joy furnish the color of the Christian's life, and contribute to its charm.

The second triad, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, express our possible relationship to our fellowman. The spiritually renewed Christian does not "fly off the handle" with a fine display of temper and unkind words. Nor does he grow bitter with resentment when treated unjustly, rudely, or unkindly. He has, through the power of Christ in him, the ability to retain calmness and serenity of spirit.

Gentleness! How Christlike it is to be gentle! How healing the gentle touch! Gentleness goes hand in hand with goodness, or graciousness. We are sent by Christ to be the messengers, the representatives of His Divine humanity to the world in which we live. Let us ever keep in mind that by our character, our habits, our spirit, we may make Him known. He was, and is, the Light of the World, but light itself is invisible unless reflected or refracted by the medium on or through which it vibrates.

The branches are dependent one upon another. As we are one with Christ and Christ with us, so we are one with others. "Little children, love one another." This new commandment was given to the early church, and their love and consideration for one another set them apart in the eyes of the world of their day. This new love is the fruit of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the heart of the Christian. "As I have loved you"—with patience, with gentleness, with goodness.

The third triad, faithfulness, meekness, temperance, have to do with self-control. These come last on Paul's list, not because they are lowest, but because they bind together all the rest. "Abide in Me, and I in you." Our lives are blessed only in the complete surrender of self to Jesus Christ. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." With our spiritual renewal we have given Him the love of our hearts, and the submission of our wills, whether He sends sufferings or joys. As long as the earth was thought to be the center of the planetary system, there was nothing but confusion in the heavens. But order and beauty come with the knowledge that the center is the sun. So our lives, centered in Christ, become trustworthy, willing, temperate, fit for the Master's use.

To continue to produce fruit, the branch must be constantly supplied with spiritual nourishment from the vine. We cannot by occasional recourse to our spiritual supply expect to consistently produce good fruit. We have a power which is able to do for us exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think, if we but open our spirits through faith in Jesus for the inflowing of His Spirit. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Thou are the Vine,
And I, O Jesus, am a branch of Thine;
And day by day from Thee
New life flows into me.
Nought have I of my own,
But all my strength is drawn from Thee alone.

As, severed from the tree, the branch must die,
So even I
Could never live this life of mine
Apart from Thee, O living Vine;
But Thou dost dwell in me,
And I in Thee!
Yea, Thine own life in me doth flow,
And in Thyself I live and grow."
(From "A Believer's Song," *Divall*)

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Ways and Means to Vital Spiritual Life

By DR. T. C. STRANGEWAY, Executive Secretary of the Board of Administration

THIS article is to be a kind of report of the Ways and Means Committee. I remember a certain Ways and Means Committee of a certain society which often reported "progress." On such occasions I used to doubt whether the Committee had very much to report. I hope this may not be true in this case. We are thinking, particularly, of the Spiritual Life Program for the entire denomination for the coming year. Last year there was a great emphasis on Evangelism and we are thankful to God for the splendid records which were made throughout our denomination. Almost 17,000 new members were added to our Church. This is the largest number of new members received in many, many years. There was a net gain of almost 4,000, which is the largest net gain in more than a decade.

During the coming year, the emphasis of our denomination will be upon Spiritual Life. The following year, our denomination will co-operate with all of the major denominations of America in a great emphasis on Stewardship. These annual programs are launched from year to year at General Assembly.

It may be wise to outline very carefully what is meant by "Spiritual Life Program." A program of Evangelism aims particularly to reach those who are outside of the Church. The particular aim of a program of Spiritual Life is to build up those who are already members of the Church in their Christian faith and service.

There is certainly no more important place to begin a program of Spiritual Life than with the women of the Church. The most deeply spiritual organization in most churches is the missionary society. The members of the missionary society are the logical leaders in the Spiritual Life Program in a local church.

If there is to be a deepening spiritual life in the whole denomination, there must be a deepened spiritual life in every individual member, in every family and in every congregation. The first and most important thing in a Spiritual Life Program is a vital experience of Christ.

The greatest need in our Church today is that every member have "a maximum experience of Jesus Christ." As one thinks of this experience, one may think of it in various steps. It is meeting Him face to face and leaving all to follow Him. It is recognizing Him as the Son of God and publicly confessing Him. It is hearing His call and enlisting with our all for His service. It is experiencing something of the Cross and the Resurrection and claiming the blessings of these as our own. It is catching a vision of world service and dedicating ourselves in His name. It is surrendering completely to His will and being filled and guided by the Holy Spirit. There have been some great Christians who have taken these steps at a single bound but most of us attain only by slow steps.

There must be a vital experience of Christ in our family lives. Our Christianity should not only be a personal religion but a family religion. Every child in a Christian family has the right to see his father and mother in prayer. Children are not taught so much by precept as they are taught by example. The hope of Christianity in the future rises or falls with the reality of the Christianity in the home.

Christianity which is vital will certainly show itself in public service. The first and simplest service is in church attendance. Certainly, no family can honestly claim to be really Christian which is not faithful in its service of the Master at the hour of worship. Many families find great joy in occupying a family pew. God blesses a family pew if it is always full. If the women of the Church will lead in a Church-Attendance Campaign, there will be a great revival of church-going in our denomination.

If there is to be a victorious Spiritual Life Program in our Church there must be more than a vital experience of Christ in the individual and the family and the congregation. There must be continued growth in Him. We must grow as individuals and families and congregations.

If an individual Christian is to grow in Jesus Christ, he must pay the price that a disciplined life costs. He must be faithful in taking the spiritual food which is found in God's word. Prayer has been called "the breath of the Christian's life." A Christian must breathe fully and deeply.

A congregation can only grow in Christ as its members grow and as they share with one another the blessings of their spiritual experience. This is the reason for the tremendous importance of the prayer group. Many "mid-week prayer meetings" have become threadbare preaching services, when they should be vital "experience meetings." It has often been said that the congregation's "mid-week service" is the thermometer of its spiritual life. If this is so, many congregations are far below normal. Perhaps a prayer and informal testimony, would be more vital than most of our "mid-week services."

If the Spiritual Life Program of our denomination is to be really vital, we must give wider witness of our experience of Jesus Christ. It is said of the early Church that "when they had prayed, they spoke the word of God with boldness." As individual Christians, we must tell others of our Saviour. There is a great possibility that the reason Christians do not share their experience of Christ with others is because they have no experience to share. A Christian experience which is really vital overflows into other lives. It is often easier to study and pray about those who are far away than it is to tell our neighbors about our Saviour. If our own experience is to be maintained, it must constantly be used. We cannot continue to have a real experience of Christ unless we continue to give it away.

There is great possibility in the witness of a family for Christ. When whole families go to church together, a real testimony is given to Him in the neighborhood. The wives and mothers of our churches can do more in promoting such a program than any others. Many families give splendid service to the Master by bringing other families with them into the Master's service.

As we think of the Spiritual Life Program of a congregation, there is a very definite responsibility for Evangelism. The emphasis is not alone upon bringing others into the Church. There is a need for an emphasis on the need of those who are members of the Church to bring others into the Church for their own spiritual good. This is often overlooked.

The theme for our denomination's work during the coming year is "Thy will be done." It is certainly the will of our Father Who is in Heaven that we shall all have a vital experience of Christ and that we shall grow in Him and that we shall give wider witness to Him.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "A Study of the Annual Report"

By (Mrs. Chas. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1939: INSPIRING INFLUENCES

Inspiring Influence for August: The Christian Hope.—Rom. 8:24.

Opening Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 96.

Psalm Verses of Hope: (To be read by members.) Ps. 31:24; 33:18, 22; 16:9; 38:15; 39:7; 42:5; 71: 5, 14; 119: 49, 81, 116; 130:7; 146:5.

Leader: Rom. 8:38, 39; II Tim. 1: 12.

Prayer Song: B.S.H. No. 2.

Prayer: That our hope in Christ be not dimmed and that that hope reflect itself in our faithful stewardship. (See 2, 30, 31 Days in Prayer Cycle.)

Leader: Hope is one of the three great Christian virtues. Though not the greatest, it is still a virtue great—great in its steadying, sustaining, and inspiring influence. Its power is so great that Paul says, "We are saved by hope." Many things may happen to discourage us; but they will not overwhelm us so long as hope remains. A man who had suffered great material losses was asked, "Did you lose everything?" He replied, "Everything except hope." One has not lost everything until he has lost hope. In the face of failure, loss, and disappointment, hope bids us trust God and try again. The patriarch Job, though suffering great losses and affliction, retained his faith in God and could say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." His faith in God gave him hope to declare, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

In its relation to Christian hope Christian faith is first and fundamental. There can be no Christian hope without a basis in Christian faith; but, if there be Christian faith, it will find expression in Christian hope. When conscious of sin, Christian hope gives promise of forgiveness; when conscious of temptation, Christian hope gives promise of deliverance; when conscious of unworthiness, Christian hope gives promise of the constant love of God; when conscious of the passing of the earthly life, Christian hope gives promise of a future life. Christian hope gives deliverance from discouragement, disappointment, and despair. Truly Christian hope is an inspiring influence.

When, as if from some lofty watchtower, we look out upon the world and behold the work of past Christian missionaries embodied in the world's present Christianity, we have hope for the continued spread and influence of the Christian religion.

To-day we are to consider the report of the work of the W.G.M.S. for the year 1938-1939; but already we have entered upon the work of another year. What will that year's work be?

Poem: "Arise, O Christian soldiers,
And consecrate anew
Your all upon the altar
Of Him, who died for you!
Arise in faith united,
And let this year record
Your undivided service,
To Christ, our risen Lord!

"Go forth, go forth rejoicing,
And in the Master's name,
To weary souls that perish
Eternal life proclaim!
The crowning day is coming;
The end of toil and sin;
March on through grace determined,
The world for Christ to win!"

Closing Song: B.S.H. No. 97.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "SPIRITUAL RENEWING"

By (Mrs. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for Year Beginning April, 1939: INSPIRING INFLUENCES

Inspiring Influence for September: The Christian Life.—Gal. 2:20.

Opening Thought:

"Life's more than breath and the quick round of blood;
It is a great spirit and a busy heart.
The coward and the small in soul scarce do live. * * *
We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feeling, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best. * * *
Walk boldly and wisely in that light thou hast;
There is a hand above will help thee on."

Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 75.

Short Stories of Living Witnesses of Christ's Power in the Life: (Have each of the following told briefly.) (1) The man who had been a demoniac.—Luke 8:26-40. (2) The man who had been blind.—John 9:1-38. (3) The man who had been a paralytic.—Matt. 9:1-8. (4) The man who had been dead.—John 11:1-46; 12-1-11.

Leader: There are many evidences of the truth and power of the Christian religion, one of which is the Christian life. Paul had a great spiritual experience, an arresting, converting experience. It arrested his mad course as a persecutor of Christians; it converted him to an acceptance of the cause he had persecuted. As a result of that experience, Paul said, "Christ liveth in me."

Great arguments, both spoken and written, have been made to support the claims of the Christian religion; but more convincing than the argument of the spoken or written word is the argument of the Christian life. If the argument in words has won its thousands, is it too much to say that the argument of the Christian life has won its tens of thousands?

After his great spiritual experience Paul said, "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God." That spiritual experience changed Paul's life. His life thereafter was inspired and dominated by his faith in Christ. Paul's changed life was a powerful argument in support of the Christian religion. The Christian life inspires belief in the power of Christian faith; it inspires admiration for the life ruled by Christian faith; it inspires a desire to live the life that results from Christian faith.

Duet. B.S.H. No. 63.

Scripture References: "Thy will be done"—

With my words (Ps. 19:14).
With my feet (Prov. 4:26, 27).
With my hands (Eccl. 9:10).
With my tongue (Ps. 34:13).
With my eyes (Matt. 18:9).
With my heart (Prov. 4:23).

Poem of Consecration: (In unison). (No. 423 in Psalter Hymnal.)

Prayer: For spiritual renewing. (See 2, 12 Days in Prayer Cycle.)

Leader: "O Holy Ghost, descend, we pray,
Abide with us from day to day,
Thy temple deign to make us!
Let Thy bright beams, Thou heav'nly Light,
Dispel the darkness of the night,
To joy and gladness wake us,
That we, to Thee
Truly living, to Thee giving
Prayer unceasing,
Still may be in love increasing."
Amen.

Closing Song: B.S.H. No. 16.

Girls' Circle Program

MISS HELEN JOHNSTON 506 Woodbine, S. E., Warren, Ohio

NEW NEIGHBORS FOR OLD

INVITATION—"Are you weary in well-doing? Do friends sometimes rankle you? Would you like to start things over by trading old neighbors for new? Just bring your troubles to Circle meeting ——— evening at ———. We have a sure cure!"

Suggestions for *Song Service*—Bible Song Hymnal Nos. 89, 91 and 142.

Program Leader—"With Summer and vacation behind do you come to the busy activity of Fall and Winter refreshed and eager for problems to solve or were the past months a little disappointing to you? Was the country too quiet; the seashore too crowded; your time at the Fair far too short? Perhaps things were so exciting you didn't want to come home at all. If you just stayed at home were you bored? Was it too warm in Sabbath School; have the sermons been getting longer and longer all Summer; do you find the Circle meetings a little less exciting lately?

Circle Girl No. 1—"September should be full of interest for all of us. There is surely something wrong when we lose interest in our friends and the activity around us; when we are dissatisfied and disturbed. A great many folks have noticed this unrest that is spreading among us. I read an article in the *Missionary Magazine* just the other day somewhat along this same thought." (Continue with a resume of Miss Wallace's article on "The Need of Spiritual Renewing.")

Program Leader—"We can all agree, I am sure, that there is a need for this spirial renewing but what can be done about it?"

Circle Girl No. 2—(From Mr. Strangeway's "Method of Spiritual Renewing" and observations of your own, tell how prayer, Bible study, Church attendance, reading about Missions in the *Magazine*, etc., can make a new person of each of us; giving us renewed interest—broader horizons.)

Circle Girl No. 3—"Spiritual renewing will do even more for us than that!" (Review "The Fruit of Spiritual Renewing." Have prepared beforehand a basket of at least nine pieces of seasonable fruit. Label as mentioned by Mrs. Carson: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and temperance. As you talk, arrange, as she suggests, in groups of three. (You will, of course, have labeled your fruit so that each trio will make a pleasing picture.)

Program Leader—"People and situations around us are not 'all wrong' as we sometimes think. We are the ones needing help. If there are any of us who do not take time during our day, no matter how busy, to read God's Word and talk with Him; let us resolve not to let this opportunity for renewed power and enriched lives pass by us. Other members of our families will certainly enjoy sharing this privilege with us. Why not suggest a Quiet Period for the whole family; Mother and Dad will be glad for your help."

Get as many girls as possible to form a circle of prayer. Thank God for the many blessings which we often accept so thoughtlessly and without thanks. Pray for spiritual renewing; pledge your individual and collective efforts in carrying the Good News to all who do not know Him, that we may

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Tributes

MRS. AGNES DUFF ARNEAL

The Women's Missionary Society of Mount Ayr, Iowa, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Agnes Duff Arneal, who was called to her heavenly home April 17, 1939.

It was an inspiration to know Mrs. Arneal, whose long life was one of deepest devotion to her Lord, to her beloved family, and to her many friends who cherish her memory. She was a life member of the missionary society, and long was most active in the work with the junior society; while strength permitted, Mrs. Arneal was regular in attendance at church and Sabbath School, always helpful in the work of the church. Of her it may truly be said, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Mrs. Edna Camp,
Louise Askren,
Committee.

MRS. H. W. CRABBE

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. H. W. Crabbe who has gone to her reward.

A great loss was suffered, not only by our society, but by the entire Church when Mrs. Crabbe was called from our midst. Her prayer life was so beautiful and we were always sure that her prayers reached right up to the throne of God. Her interest and sacrifices for missions were well known and her sacrifices brought her real happiness. She testified of the love of her Saviour to all with whom she talked. Christ was ever the honored guest in her home.

She was one of the organizers of the Los Angeles Presbyterial and became its first president. Her interest in missions knew no bounds or denomination. She was, until her death, President Emeritus of the Southern California Council of Church Women.

We know that the Master has said to her, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

To her family and friends we extend loving sympathy.

Miss Omah Woods,
Mrs. Susie Cravens.

MISS MARY DONALDSON

The Women's Missionary Society of Claysville, Pa., wishes to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Miss Mary Donaldson who was called to her reward April 8, 1939.

Miss Donaldson loved the House of God and every phase of its work and worship. The close communion in which she walked with her Lord was manifest by her long years of faithfulness and her constant and devout prayer life. Faithful unto death, she has entered a higher service.

Mrs. H. H. Brownlee,
Mrs. J. C. Sutherland,
Mrs. Carrie Best,
Committee.

MRS. J. W. HARSHA

The Women's Missionary Society of the Darlington United Presbyterian Church, Beaver Presbytery, desires to offer a tribute of love and appreciation to the memory of our dear friend and pastor's wife, Mrs. Dola Cable Harsha.

Mrs. Harsha was a life member of the W. M. S. and was chosen a member of the board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society while a member of the Fifth Church of Pittsburgh. While in the Garfield Boulevard Church of Chicago, Ill., she was made a member of the Interdenominational Women's Missionary Committee. She had been very much interested in the Teen Age Girls Missionary Groups and helped organize many new groups. For many years she had taught Women's Bible Classes in the Sabbath School.

During her life as a co-worker with Dr. Harsha she had been active in every line of work in connection with the pastorate at Pittsburgh, Chicago, Linesville, North Shenango and Darlington. She was in every way a model minister's wife, a devoted mother, and an ever faithful worker for her Master.

She was with us such a short time, but the memory of her love and kindness will long be remembered by those who were privileged to know her. She was most generous at all times in her help in any line of church work.

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb,
Rather in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room."

Miss Ina Littell,
Mrs. O. W. McGaffick.

MRS. CATHERINE KERR

The Women's Missionary Society of the Kittanning United Presbyterian Church pays a last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Catherine Kerr, who passed to her rest on March 12, 1939. She will be missed in the home, in the Church and Missionary Society, and in the community, but our loss is her gain, and we commit her loved ones to the care of our Heavenely Father.

Mrs. R. M. McCracken,
Mrs. W. P. Lanster,
Committee.

MISS BELLE McKINLEY
MRS. ELLA B. KING

The Women's Missionary Society of the Homewood Church wishes to pay tributes of love and esteem to Miss Belle McKinley and to Mrs. Ella B. King, two of its members who have gone on to their crowning during the past year.

Miss McKinley was for many years superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sabbath School.

Mrs. King was the mother of the Reverend Herman King, Pastor of the Mayfair United Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

The members of the Missionary Society will ever remember and strive to follow the examples of consistent Christian living set by these two who have gone to join the "great cloud of witnesses."

Committee.

MISS JENNIE ROSS

The Women's Missionary Society of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia renders a loving tribute to the life and service of Miss Jennie R. Ross, who was called to her Eternal Reward suddenly March 10, 1939.

"Miss Jennie" as she was familiarly called was born and reared in the United Prebyterian church and was always found in her place in the various organizations. She loved her Church because she loved the Master of the Church.

She knew her denomination and the leaders, many of whom she knew intimately. She knew the missions and many of the missionaries. We keenly miss her wise counsel and hearty co-operation in the activities.

"We cannot say and we shall not say
'That she is dead.' She is just away."

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her beloved sister, a companion of her life, also other near relatives and commend them to the sheltering care of Him that careth for His children.

Mrs. J. Walter Liggitt,
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Mrs. George Royle,

MRS. JENNIE McBRIDE

The Women's Missionary Society of San Diego, California, wishes to pay a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Jennie McBride. She was loved by all who knew her. She loved God's house and was present when able. God called and she answered.

Committee.

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share the "fruit of the spirit" with mankind.

N. B. Some of our Girls' Circles do not meet during the month of August; if your society does, we suggest that you make it an outdoor affair, weather permitting—a picnic or a tea on a shady lawn is suggested. Invite a missionary home on furlough or someone back from one of the Summer Missionary Conferences to be your guest. If this is not practical some of your own girls dressed in costumes typical of mission lands or representing missionaries on furlough may be the "guests." Assign to each girl one of our fields. From the annual reports of that country or section of our own land, as the case may be, she will make a brief report of the work during the past year, telling of progress made and hopes for the future of the work.

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FAITH

Why should I doubt
When all about
Flowers lift petaled faces to the sun,
And, homeward bound, the birds wing trackless ways
Across the sky?

Why should I fear
When I can hear
God calling me? In faith I lift my heart
To Light, and ever Faith's uncharted lanes
Will lead me Home.

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PRAYER

What though the day be stormy,
What though our strength be gone,
What though we toil and falter—
God's love will bear us on.

Better to lose Earth's treasures,
Better forget her gold
Than to refrain from praying
God for His riches untold.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

Simnasho Church, Community House, Manse and Barn.

Tama, Iowa, Manse and Chapel

Indian Cowboys of Simnasho. Ready for the Round-up.